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# CHURCHILL LAUNCHES BITTER EXODUS INTO TOKYO ATTACK ON ATTLEE AND CRISIS MEASURES

## Businessmen Pack Planes

San Francisco, Aug. 8.  
Two American air lines, planning a service to Tokyo reported today that they were swamped by inquiries and applications for passages to Japan in mid-August when the State Department will permit 400 businessmen to enter that country to renew foreign trade.  
In Minneapolis, the Northwest Air Lines said it was "swamped by applications" with 104 persons seeking reservations for passage between August 15 and 20.  
Pan-American World Airways (Pacific Division) here is in the "same boat," it is reported.  
It pointed out, however, that there is a "distinction between inquiries and reservations, because Japan is not open to unlimited travel."  
Each passenger must have "individual clearance by the Allied G.I.C. in Tokyo for his entry and departure."  
Neither the Northwest Air Lines nor the Pan-American have begun regular scheduled flights to Tokyo.  
Northwest however has carried some passengers and Pan-American is "proving flights" in preparation for regular service, will take off on August 10.  
The specific date on which the Pan-American hopes to begin regular service has not been set but tentative plans call for one plane to Tokyo next week.—Associated Press.

## Lost Plane Given Up

Nanking, Aug. 8.  
A dispatch from Tientsin indicated that the Chinese Air Force has abandoned active search for a transport missing for nine days with American newspaperman Barbara Stephens, Brian Stevenson, son of the British Labour M.P., and 24 other passengers aboard.  
Officials considered the aircraft to be definitely lost and are awaiting word of discovery of the wreckage by villagers in the area where it was believed to have crashed.—Associated Press.

# Illegal Jew Migrants May Go To Kenya

The 4,500 illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine who, for the past ten days have been lying off the French coast port of Port de Bouc, near Marseilles, in three British ships, will be told tomorrow that if they do not go ashore they will be sent to British colony, possibly Kenya.  
This was stated tonight by Dr. Moshe Sneh, former head of the Jewish resistance organization Hagannah, and member of the Executive Council of the Jewish Agency, when he arrived at Marseilles from Paris.  
The Jews were brought to Port de Bouc after the President Vichy field, in which they were trying to reach Palestine, had been intercepted by the British Navy. On arriving at Port de Bouc they refused to land.  
The spokesman of the British Consulate-General at Marseilles would neither confirm nor deny tonight a report that the Consul-General, on behalf of the British Government, had requested the French Government to send a prefectural delegation aboard the ships to renew the "French offer of hospitality to the refugees."  
**Reprisals Fear**  
French Government opinion is believed to be divided on the action to be taken in regard to the refugees now in Port de Bouc. The French Foreign Office is understood to favour doing everything possible—short of using force—to persuade the refugees to land. In France, while the Ministry of Interior is reported not to be averse to them remaining on the ships.  
British officials at Marseilles hold the view that many of the refugees are refusing to land for fear of reprisals from Jewish organizations, and hoped that the French delegation would include high officials from Paris able to give guarantees against reprisals. It was confirmed in official

London, Aug. 8.  
Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons today charged British Socialists were asking Parliament for a "blank check for a totalitarian government" and using the British economic crisis as a "filmy pretext."  
Launching an all-out Conservative attack on Prime Minister Clement Attlee's plans for meeting the economic crisis, Mr. Churchill declared: "The government's proposals will mean the abrogation of Parliament and of all our long cherished rights."  
He took the floor after Deputy Premier Herbert Morrison said the powers sought under the Attlee emergency programme were "appropriate and necessary."

Mr. Churchill said: "The main cause of at least half our difficulties has arisen from the partisan policies and administrative incompetence of the Attlee regime."  
He added: "Life under the Socialist Government is worse, far worse, for the nation than it ever was under the full blast and severity of war."  
Rising amid sustained cheers from his supporters to move the rejection of the Bill, Mr. Churchill, said that the bill introduction would not secure the wholehearted co-operation of the parties for the necessary purposes which lay before the country.  
These powers, he said, were a negation of British freedom and the British way of life time of peace.  
"Except for bloodshed, all the evils of war and worse are going in our country," Mr. Churchill shouted to the Government benches.  
There were immediate calls of "Yes."  
Mr. Churchill, amid Conservative cheers, retorted: "You will be made to deny it before your fellow countrymen one day. Life under the Socialist Government is far worse for the country than it ever was in the full blast and severity of the war."  
Mr. Churchill said it was only "moonshine and humbug" for the Government to say that the courts might deprive it of the power of the 1945 Act on the ground that the transition period from war was over.  
The peace treaties with Germany and Japan had not even been made. It was "a false and filmy pretext."  
"It is only a question of the legality of the 1945 Act, why did they not bring in a simple bill, stressing that and giving a reasonable assurance?" Mr. Morrison, (leader of the House), interjected: "That is what we have done."  
Mr. Churchill retorted: "That has not been done at all and I will read extracts to show how far Mr. Morrison's muttered interjection is a lie."  
Mr. Churchill then said that while the Government maintained that the Bill made no appreciable change in the law, a section of the Bill spoke of ensuring that the whole resources of the community were available for the use best calculated to serve the interests of the community.  
The only guarantee that the section about the use of the country's resources would not be abused was "in the character of the Ministers and the confidence we place in them."  
Mr. Churchill accused the Government of having repeatedly shown themselves "ready to put the party always before the country."  
He asked if the all-embracing powers in the Bill should be entrusted to a man like Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade.  
Declaring that the statement of the Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee) had been universally judged inadequate, Mr. Churchill asked if the Government were trying to make up for lack of deeds by forceful words.  
"Is it because they wish to get Parliament separated and on holiday and then use these powers with irrevocable effect, or that, having no plan or design they wish to cover up their vacuity with an assumption of sweeping power?" he said.  
Mr. Churchill then moved the rejection of the Bill.  
Mr. Clement Davies (leader of the Liberals) presented a motion for the rejection of the Bill, because he said that the spiritual liberty of the people was at stake.  
Mr. R.H. Crossman, (Labour) who led a revolt last year against Foreign Secretary Bevin's foreign policy, declared that the Bill meant that the Labour Government would not repeat the performance of the Labour Government, which in 1931 capitulated because it was unwilling to take the necessary steps to plan the country's economy.  
He declared that the Bill had been accepted by the Labour movement.  
The failure of the Anglo-Russian trade talks had resulted from the failure to plan.  
He wanted to see this bill result in Socialist planning for production not only for the United States but also for Russia and Eastern Europe.  
He looked forward to a European Bill, by a European government, to plan a regional area big enough to survive against the Americans.  
Mr. Hughes (Labour) objected that many of the Government's measures did not go far enough.  
Other Labour Members pressed for a further reduction of the armed forces and welcomed the "change of heart" which had brought reductions in films and petrol and an approach to the United States about the conditions of the loan agreement.  
**Catching Up**  
Mr. Ian Mikardo said that the Government was at last catching up with the troops.  
Captain Blackburn (Labour backbencher) was critical.  
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## Manna

Washington, Aug. 7.  
Harry Ship, 31, a Jewish war veteran, today called the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee.  
"Britain needs food, clothing, money. The Jews need Palestine. So sell Palestine to the Jews. Will raise money in 90 days."—United Press.

# HEAVY QUAKES HIT SANTIAGO

Havana, Aug. 7.  
A sharp mid-afternoon quake today sent Santiago into the second day of tremors and the uneasy populace prepared for another night in the open.  
The National Observatory said the earthquakes were merely "earth readjustments."  
Seismologists predicted a continuation of the tremors which brought the city of 200,000 on the verge of panic.  
Troops are patrolling the streets to maintain a semblance of calm but frightened townsfolk are abandoning the area for open fields.  
The Health Department here said it had not received any calls for aid but the Director, Dr. Jose E. Andreu, said medical teams were ready to depart for stricken areas at any time.  
Several other towns in Southern Cuba reported tremors.  
Reports from Guantanamo, where the United States Navy has a large base, said the majority of the populace had abandoned their homes and fled to the open after the first light shocks and on hearing reports of the Santiago tremors.  
First shock reports were received by the United Press listening station in Havana from an amateur in Santiago, who said his receiver was "shaking violently."  
Commercial operators said they were overburdened with countless messages but were unable to deliver them due to the widespread exodus of the populace from the capital.  
The long-distance phone service was not disrupted but was subject to hours-long delay.  
It was understood the tenth quake in 24 hours shook the city at 2:30 p.m.  
An 11th noticeable shock came at 3:15 p.m. and seismologists said tremors of minor intensity

## Ship's Officers Held

Shanghai, Aug. 8.  
It was revealed today that CN\$1,500,000 worth of unmanifested goods were found aboard the China Mer-  
chant Steam Navigation Company steamer Chincel, which arrived from Hong Kong on July 20. Four officers of the ship were detained for attempted smuggling of cargo which was hidden under the deck flooring.  
The cargo, all "luxuries", included tea, powder, whisky, cigarettes, nail polish, nylon stockings and dress materials.—United Press.

## Shanghai Ship Pirated

Shanghai, Aug. 8.  
In one of the most daring piracies off Shanghai, s.s. "Shanghai" (of the San Shing Steamship Co.) was looted by more than 20 pirates near Liuhoo (70 miles from Shanghai) last Saturday morning.  
The "Shanghai" was carrying about CN\$500,000,000 worth of valuables.  
Two passengers were wounded during the shooting, it was stated today.  
The vessel was sailing near Liuhoo, on route to Haikou on Aug. 2, when five passengers aboard drew pistols and forced the ship's chief engineer to halt the vessel.  
At a given signal, more than 20 armed men boarded the ship from a junk.  
During two hours of looting, the pirates ransacked cases.  
Before making good their escape, the pirates fired two shots at the ship's engine.  
The bullets bounced back and hit two of the passengers.  
River police are investigating the piracy.—Central News.

# Dutch Mission Will Be Flown To U.S. To Present Java Case

Batavia, Aug. 8.  
A mission will fly to New York on Sunday or Monday to present to the United Nations the arguments of the Dutch-created states of West Borneo and East Indonesia.  
The mission will include American-born Dr. P. J. Koets (Director of Lieutenant-Governor-General Van Mook's cabinet), Hamid Second, Sultan of Pontianak, will represent West Borneo, and Tjokorda Soekawati (President of East Indonesia) will represent his state.

Reliable sources said a representative of East Sumatra will also join the party.  
The Dutch meanwhile claimed that the people of East Sumatra have "spontaneously" expressed a desire to form their own state.  
According to the Lingard-jati agreement both West Borneo and East Indonesia together with the Republic of Indonesia (which covers Sumatra, Java and Madura) were scheduled to form a United States of Indonesia by January 1, 1949.  
**Chinese Saved**  
The communists also announced that 600 Chinese were rescued southwest of Cheribon (between Madjalenga and Koenigman) and 700 were freed in Soemboeh, south-east of Banjuemas.  
It also disclosed that Dutch patrols were continuing to sweep occupied areas.  
Since the "cease-fire" 11 Dutch were killed, 27 wounded and one missing, the communists added.  
Dutch air reconnaissance showed the oilfields west of Soerabaja were still burning but not seriously.  
In North Sumatra, the communists said, the Dutch arrested and imprisoned the Republican District Governor of Siantar because of his undesirable activities.  
He was removed to a place the name of which was not given in the communists.  
The Republican Attorney-General for Sumatra (Dr. More) was also arrested and taken to Medan because it was discovered he was a lieutenant-colonel in the Republican Army.  
**Sultan's Visit**  
Associated Press says Sultan Hamid, II of Pontianak (34-year-old president of the Dutch-sponsored state of West Borneo) announced today he would leave by plane for the United States on Sunday to present the case of the non-republican Indonesian areas to the United Nations.  
The Dutch Army announced that the Crown Jewels of the Sumatran Sultanate of Slak, valued at more than US\$1,000,000, had been recovered at Bockit Asen, Sumatra.  
They asserted that papers found with the game showed they had been confiscated by the Indonesians.  
Last week a valuable jewel collection belonging to other Sumatran royalty was recovered by the Dutch at Pemalang, together with four truckloads of In Washington, the World Bank granted a loan of US\$105,000,000 to the Netherlands Government, "exclusively for reconstruction of productive facilities in the Netherlands homeland."  
This marked the second credit extended by the Bank since it began operations nearly 18 months ago.  
**Chinese Deadlock**  
No reply has yet been received to a radio request by the Chinese Consul-General Tchang Chia-tung that the Indonesian Government disclose the whereabouts of thousands of Chinese forcibly evacuated by the Indonesians in the path of the Dutch armies, Mr. Tchang told me.  
He asked the Indonesian over Batavia Radio on August 6 what steps Chinese residents of the interior should take to avoid being arrested by the Republicans.  
He said today at least 800 Chinese definitely were known to have been "deliberately killed in Java alone by the Indonesians."  
"Most of them were women and children who were raped, skinned alive and burned," he declared.  
While no accurate figures are available, Tchang said damage to Chinese property in Java (concentrated in rice, textile and sugar mills and business establishments) runs into "billions of guilders."  
He said: "We are not quarrelling with either the Dutch or Indonesians. The Dutch attitude toward us is the same as toward anyone else—they give us adequate protection."  
"But the Indonesians are telling our people if they do not take an active part in helping them the Chinese will be considered pro-Dutch."  
It is estimated about 700,000 Chinese are presently in Java.  
Misconduct of Chinese nationals was denied by Indonesian

Vice-Premier A.K. Gani, who said that he was unaware of any atrocities committed against them in Java or Sumatra.  
**Java Reactions**  
First reaction in Batavia to the Indonesian acceptance of the U.S. offer was that the Republicans declined to have the United States as lone mediator in the dispute.  
The reply accepted the American offer but asked the United States to request the Security Council to appoint a Commission to investigate the Indonesian situation at first hand and arbitrate in the dispute.  
It also asked the United States to send a representative by plane immediately to Jogjakarta so the Republic could "more fully" present its viewpoint.  
The reply was also cabled to the Security Council.  
The Dutch Ambassador (Eelco Van Kleffens), today transmitted a long message to the President of the Security Council from the President and Prime Minister of East.

## The Weather

An anticyclone is centered E of the Ryukyu with a ridge extending SW to Indo-China. Pressure is relatively low in the N of Japan and over Manchuria.  
Today's Forecast—Moderate SE to S winds; partly cloudy.  
Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 89.3 deg. Fah. Minimum: 74.7 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 9 hours.  
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—1818.5 mm. = 71.59 inches as against an average of 1444.9 mm. = 56.9 inches.  
Readings at 10 a.m. 8 a.m.  
Bar. at msl. ... 1018.2 1017.9 m.b.  
Fah. ... 82.8 82.8  
Rel. Humidity ... 75 81 %  
Dew Point ... 75 77 deg. F.  
Wind Direction ... SE by E ESE  
Wind Force ... 8 9 knots.

# HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED FROM NORTH CHINA FRONT

Nanking, Aug. 8.  
Nationalist forces penetrated the northern flank of the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway and surrounded Shoukuang, strategic Communist base, 25 miles north of Yitu, Nationalist Government dis-patches claimed today.  
The entire stretch of the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway is said to be in Government hands and traffic is expected to be resumed shortly.  
The dispatches said another Government column was advancing on Kaomi (last major station remaining in Red hands), 35 miles north-west of Tsinan.  
The Nationalist attack in North Shantung is said to have begun after the Communist East Shantung army was dislodged from its formidable base on Yimeng Mountains in Central Shantung.  
Reports said the new attack was aimed at ending the war in Shantung.  
From Manchuria, Central News reported a clash lasting several hours 15 miles west of Kuangchou (P'ingchow Ridge). It claimed with little chance of confirmation, half of the Red force engaged were killed or wounded.  
Chinese and independent reports seem to agree that the Communist offensive against the

## New First Army

Usefulness of the line, however, has been nullified until at least October because repairs and reconstruction of the devastated tracks can hardly be expected before then.  
The Nationalists, with the famed new First Army based on Changchun, now hold a triangular wedge apex in the Manchurian capital and the two southern points are Tung and Siping.  
Other areas firmly held include a circle about 35 miles in diameter with Siping at the centre. Peiping to the south and the Yingkou area.  
The Reds who launched attacks on Peiping now hold a stretch of railway between Yehpaihou and Sapehichien, while their last strongpoint near Yingkou is Kaping.  
United Press and Associated Press.

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## BANK OFFICIAL DENIES LOAN RUMOURS

Reports that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation had agreed to grant loans to various local factories were described as incorrect by Mr. J.A.D. Morrison, Chief Accountant of the Bank, interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday.

### Coming Events

August 12—H.K. & S'hai Hotels annual meeting, noon.

### NEW VICAR

The Rev. R. S. Lee, an Anglican clergyman of Chinese race, has been appointed Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Oxford, the University Church of Oxford University and the centre of religious life of the University.

Mr. Lee was born in Australia and received his early education there. He has recently been on the staff of the B.B.C. in charge of Overseas religious broadcasting, and at the same time curate of St. Martin's in the Fields, one of London's leading Anglican Churches.

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## Held Up On Theatre Stairway

For demanding money with menaces three men were sentenced to two years' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The three were: Lau Man-kem (22), Ip Fong (24) and Ip Hoi (21).

Detective Sub-Inspector Sykes said that on July 22, Tang Tong, a fook of the Yee Lee shop, 294 Portland Street, went to the last performance at the Prince Theatre in Nathan Road.

An hour or so later he decided to leave. As he was going down the stairs, he was accosted by six men.

Two of them caught hold of his arms and took him to an empty place of ground opposite the Mong Kok Fire Station.

There he was asked by Lau for \$400, by Ip Fong for \$300, and by Ip Hoi for \$100.

This money was allegedly compensation to Lau whose wife, the defendants claimed, was walking out with complainant. Tong was given to understand that, unless these amounts were paid, he would be beaten to death.

As a means of holding the men off, Tang promised to pay \$70 the following evening.

The accused stated that they would call at his shop at 9 p.m. the next day.

On July 23, the first two accused called on complainant and asked him for the money.

They told him that unless he satisfied them, he would be stabbed in the streets.

Tong telephoned the Police. The two men attempted to escape.

After a struggle, however, Lau and Ip Fong were held until the arrival of the police.

During the struggle, Ip Fong waited outside the shop with another three men.

## Price Rises After Chinese Export Ban

Shortage of supplies after the tightening up of export regulations by the Chinese authorities, is said to be the cause of the sharp increase in the price of pork and other commodities on the local market during the past few days.

Pork was being sold at \$3.60 a catty yesterday, compared to \$3 on Sunday last.

The price of firewood has in most cases also been increased by almost 100 per cent.

Prices on fish have increased too, but this is due, it was stated, to the unsettled state of the weather, which has prevented fishing fleets from proceeding to their normal fishing grounds.

It is expected that prices will show a decrease with the return of fine weather.

## CNRRA Claims Immunity From H.K. Firm

A notice of motion by CNRRA to set aside a writ in an action in which the Yut Kee firm was plaintiff and CNRRA defendants, was heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday.

CNRRA are claiming jurisdictional immunity on the ground that CNRRA is a Chinese Government department. Judgment will be given this morning.

The motion was made for CNRRA by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada and Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs. Tso and Hodgson, and was opposed on behalf of the plaintiff by Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. instructed by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

The action and the motion were a sequel to previous criminal proceedings in the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W.H. Latimer wherein many defendants were originally charged, some with receiving and others with larceny.

A member of the plaintiff firm in this case was one of the original persons charged with receiving, who had been acquitted by the Magistrate. Some of the other defendants had been convicted of larceny and at the end of the proceedings, Mr. Leo d'Almada instructed by Messrs. Tso and Hodgson applied to the

### Proceedings

Magistrate for an order for restitution of the rice to CNRRA under section 43 of the Magistrates Ordinance.

According to affidavits filed by counsel, the course of the proceedings before the magistrate was as follows:—

On application made by CNRRA for restitution under section 43 under the Magistrates Ordinance because the rice was in course of deterioration the Magistrate made the order asked for because under section 43 this order would not prejudice other claimants to the rice instituting proceedings in civil action within the period of six months.

At no time during the magisterial proceedings was any indication given to the Magistrate that CNRRA was a Chinese Government department or that as such Chinese Government department, after having obtained the rice under section 43 CNRRA would in due course in an action brought within the six-month period claim to be immune from the jurisdiction of the local courts.

Before argument was commenced Mr. Justice Williams stated that ordinarily a motion in the terms of the one before him would be heard in chambers but he felt that the matter was one of considerable public interest and should be therefore heard in open court.

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## CHINESE WILL PRESS "FATSHAN" CASE

Chinese press reports from Canton yesterday said that the Customs authorities there had received instructions from the Inspector-General of Customs in Shanghai to deal with the "Fatshan" case according to Customs regulations.

One regulation calls for a fine equivalent to thrice the value of the contraband goods seized.

The vernacular reports added that based on the estimated value of the cargo, the fine would amount to more than HK\$600,000.

Other messages from Canton said that the Customs were still undecided on the amount of the fine to be imposed since the assessment work was still uncompleted.

The messages added that the Captain of the "Fatshan" had handed over three of the ship's crew suspected of being involved in the attempt to smuggle goods into Canton, to the Canton authorities. This report could not be confirmed in Hong Kong.

## Money Market

Interest in the money market yesterday was focussed on Piastres, which made a spectacular spurt to \$14.10 a 100, following rumours of a peace settlement in French Indo-China. It had opened at \$12.50.

At the close the market was slightly easier at \$13.50.

Gold also started on the climb again and after opening at \$380 a tole it went up to \$383.50. It closed at \$384.10 with the under-tone very strong.

Chinese National Currency opened at 12.55 cts for futures and 18.65 cts for spot (for CN\$1,000), and closed at 13 cts and 13.9 cts respectively.

U.S. dollars were firmer at \$4.83 and Sterling was stronger at \$13.12. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.58.

## RATTAN CANES CAUSE HOLD-UP

For causing a 200-yard long 10-foot wide obstruction with their rattan canes at Yee Chiu Street near the Shamshing Police Station on Aug. 7, seven Chinese were fined \$100 each by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting Mr. David Sykes said the canes were used to block the way of a bus and to prevent it from moving forward.

As a result a pedestrian was forced to walk in the middle of the road which in turn caused a traffic jam.

## Gaming School On Ferry

Convicted on the charge of keeping a common gaming school on the third-class deck of the "Man Hing" ferry on Aug. 7, Man Kwong was yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer to three months' hard labour, and Lam Hoi, Kwan Shing-kan, and Chan Choi to six weeks' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

On the second count of returning from banishment, Man was given a concurrent sentence of three months' hard labour and ordered to be re-banished.

DSI C.J. Askew said that gambling on board the ferries had become so prevalent that special squads had to be put on the launches.

Detective-Sergeant So Kwong and Detective Yuen Sam and Ho Man were on the "Man Hing" last Thursday and saw the second and fourth defendants starting the usual game of "red and black" using "fixed" cards.

Lam acted as bank while Chan played the part of decoy.

One of the card-sharps eventually joined the game as an independent player and lost \$15 in two games.

When the original bank refused to accept his third bet of \$20, Man made a pretence of taking over the game and, after winning one game, refused to play.

Kwan, the fourth member of the gang, suggested to Lam and Chan that they should take out a few black cards.

This was overheard by Det. Sgt. So Kwong who, when Chan returned to the game and invited the other passengers to join in, signalled to his colleagues to "close in" on the gang.

Chan was banished for 10 years in December last, DSI Askew added.

### OPIUM RAIDS

Two raids by S.I. Andrews in the Mong Kok district on Thursday ended in the arrest of two opium divers, keepers, and smokers, and the seizure of seven pipes, six lamps and 10 small pots of opium.

Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Wong Ng-chai (25) was fined \$300 for using 974 Canton Road, first floor, as a dive. Tan Fung (62-year-old widow), fined \$100 for keeping a dive at 411 Reclamation Street, first floor.

The smokers were fined \$15 or 10 days' imprisonment each. S.I. Howarth prosecuted in both cases.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING ENDS IN OCTOBER

Applications under the further education and vocational training scheme for Colonials who came to the United Kingdom to assist in the war effort, will not be accepted after Sept. 30 this year and it is emphasised that people intending to lodge applications must do so before that date.

To be eligible for training under the Scheme, candidates must have completed at least one year's National Service in the United Kingdom by March 31, 1946.

Be able to show, in the case of applications for further education, that their call-up prevented them from beginning courses, or interrupted such courses.

Be in the position that, although not liable for call-up under the National Service Acts, they volunteered for the Armed Forces for the duration of the emergency or, under a special engagement, enlisted for the same period of service which was required of those called up at the time under the National Service Acts.

Have obtained by Jan. 31, 1948, the appropriate preliminary educational qualification for the profession chosen.

Have been promoted to the rank of N.C.O. before Aug. 15, 1945, to be eligible under the special arrangement by which applicants who cannot prove prevention or interruption of their training, may be considered on the grounds that they showed exceptional capabilities during their war service.

Further details may be obtained from the Colonial Office, Kinnaird House, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

The new BOAC Speedbird schedule came into operation this week, with a flying-boat arriving from the United Kingdom on Thursday.

Passengers were: Messrs. H. Rogers, H.G. Evans, R.J. Crawford, A. Brennan, Heathcote, Smith, R.J. Slade, E. Pell, F. Wong, L. Chun, Mrs. Lee Hui-lan, Master G. Lee, Mrs. Mary Lee, Master Lee Chun, Master Lee Kong, Miss Fan Siew-lin and Master Tan See-yin.

The BOAC flying-boat which left for the United Kingdom on Wednesday had as its passengers: Messrs. Denis H. Hazel, T.T. Mawell, R. McWilliam, Rev. Father Casey, Rev. Father Cooney, Rev. Father Crogan, Mrs. D. Pow and Miss P. Pow; for Calcutta: Mr. Straight.

The following were passengers from C.P.A. planes:—From Manila:—W.S.B. Sampson, Mariano Hu Wa Ken, Fong Chut, David Chua, Wong Chi, Mr. Lam, Biao Ho, Leon Fat, Liang, Miss Corona Liang, Hui Poo, Tan Uy Ching, Dy See Tio, Tiu Sam, Mrs. So Lion, Mrs. Marcela Teng, Choa Fong, and K.C. Thadani. S.I. Mr. Mary Martin (RAF Area Control).

For Singapore:—J. Kwok, E.G.H. Sinclair, H.K. Kwok, So Ling and K. Chaitavani. For Bangkok:—Kwong Chik, Song, Kwok Man, Liew Tol Kim, Chow Ngai Mun, Mrs. Virginia Garcia, Lim Chew, Ching Ying Ting and Miss Lim Lee Eng.

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FATAL FALL FROM BALCONY

Lee Lin Nui, a 15-year-old girl who lives in No. 329 Lai Chi Kok Road, was hanging out clothes for drying yesterday morning when she accidentally overbalanced herself and fell to the street.

She suffered severe head injuries. She was taken to Kowloon Hospital where she was detained.

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## CRERAR POINTS CANADA'S TRADE IDEALS

Tokyo, Aug. 8. General H.D.G. Crerar, Canada's foremost soldier, now on a visit to Japan, stressed at a press conference today the "practical interest of Canadian businessmen to repair as soon as possible the havoc of war."

His mission to Japan, he said, underlined the Canadian Government's desire for revival of pre-war trade with Far Eastern countries.

General Crerar said that peace with Japan was regarded by the Canadian Government as most important, "requiring the most careful study of all issues involved."

He said Canada's desire was to "contribute useful and sensible services to this task."

Japanese sources reported that General Crerar this morning conferred with five Japanese Cabinet representatives.

He declined to disclose the results of the talk, merely saying "within a few days" when the Canadian business group arrives.

Emphasizing Canada's world commercial role, he pointed out that although the country contains one per cent of the world's population, during 1939 it ranked sixth in world trade and in 1947 rose to third.

Canadian imports of Japanese goods between 1935-39, he said, averaged \$4,000,000 annually while exports to Japan totalled \$20,000,000 annually.

He said the mission (which is spending one week in the Tokyo area and another week in the British occupation zone) hopes to be able to estimate the post-war problems facing Japan and report its findings to the Canadian Government.

General Crerar expressed admiration at the "manner and measure of the rehabilitation of Japan since General MacArthur arrived and accepted the very great responsibilities."

"If the Japanese people truly adopt and firmly promote the principles of democracy now being advanced by SCAP, the future of the country should be assured," he said.—United Press.

### COCKLOFT FIRE

Central Fire Brigade received a call at 11.00 p.m. yesterday to a fire at Lockhart Road.

Machines from Central Station and from Wanchai Station were dispatched.

On arrival it was that the cockloft of No. 460, Lockhart Road, used for paint thinning, had caught fire.

The fire was under control before the arrival of the fire appliances.

It was reported that one employee suffered burns to both legs and removed to hospital by Ambulance.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.50, and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.45 p.m.—Charlie Spink and His Orchestra.  
1.00 p.m.—Harry Gray and His Ticker.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.45 p.m.—Tartini: "The Devil's Trill" Sonata for Violin and Piano.  
1.55 p.m.—Moussini & Arthur Braham.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.15 p.m.—London Relay: Parliamentary Summary, Colonial Affairs.  
6.30 p.m.—Katie Court and His Waldorf Astoria Hotel Orchestra.  
6.45 p.m.—"Rat" at the Piano (Vocal) and Vera Lynn (Vocal).  
7.00 p.m.—Studio: "The Best of the Best" by Victor Collins, Hong Kong Signal Squadron.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.  
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.  
8.15 p.m.—Favourite Organists.  
8.30 p.m.—B.D.C. Transcription Service: "Double Bottom" Part 1. A Comedy Thriller with Naughton Wayne and Basil Redford.

9.00 p.m.—Orchestral Concert.  
9.30 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Septet.  
9.45 p.m.—"Singers on Parade".  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.15 p.m.—Relay from the Hong Kong Hotel of Fred Goetz and His "Gipsy Dance" Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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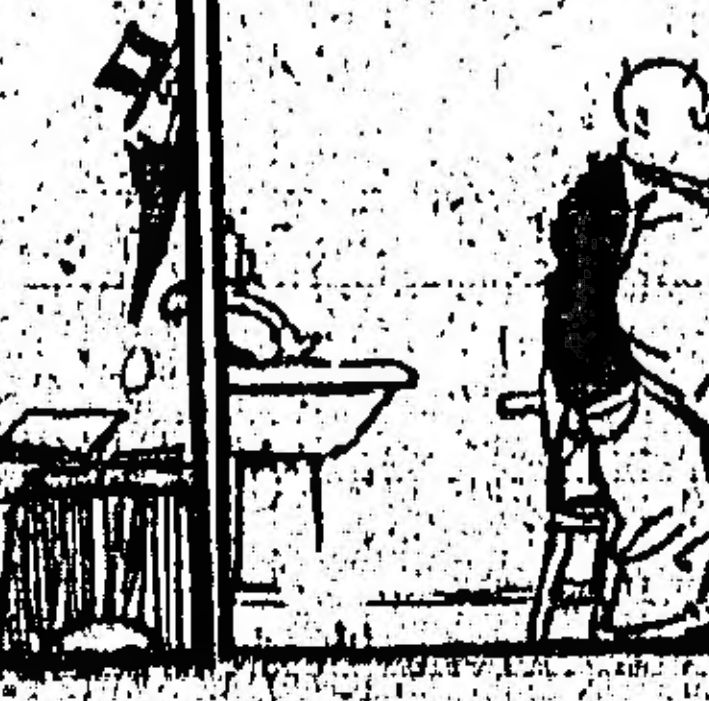
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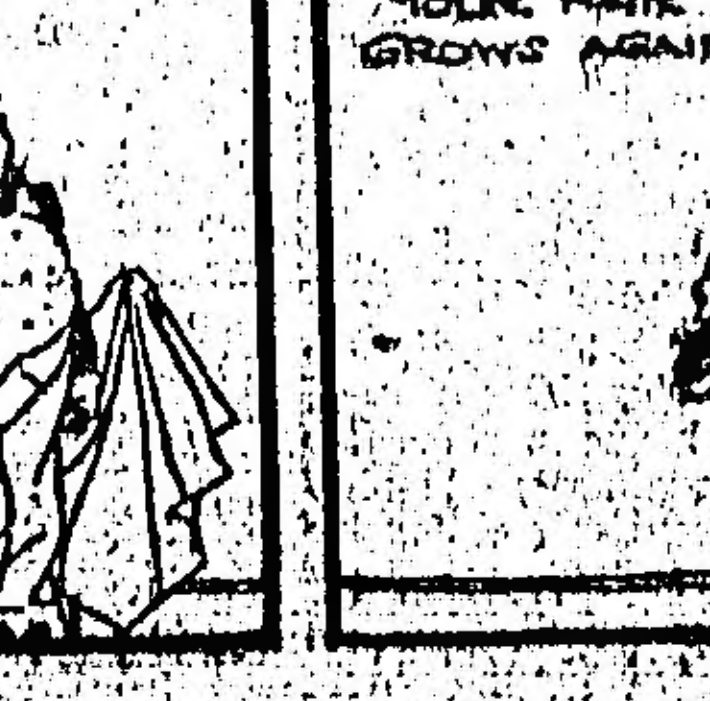
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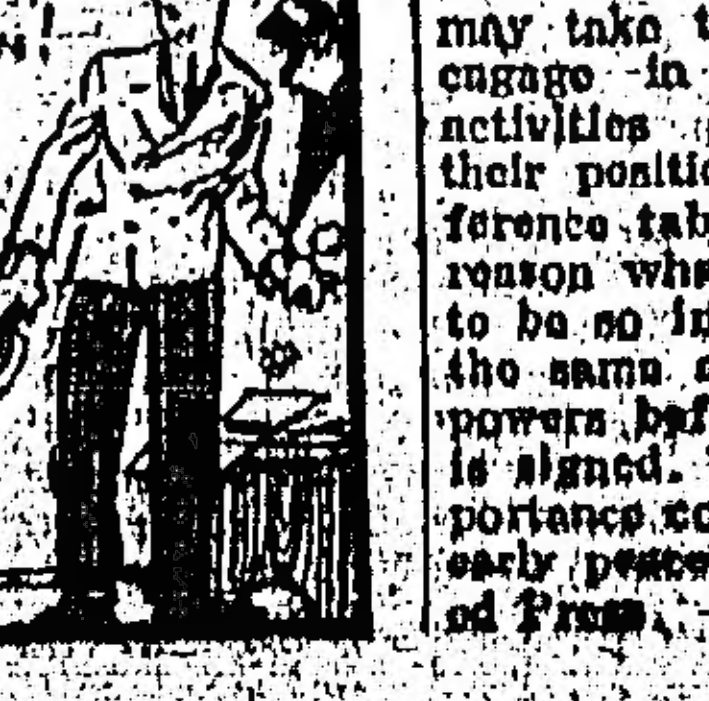
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## U.S. Policy In Far East Hit

Buffalo, New York, Aug. 8.

United States foreign policy in the Far East has meant that China fares worse than former enemies, said Dr. Walter E. Judd (Republican representative from Minnesota and a former medical missionary in China).

Speaking at the final session of the Third World Convention of the Churches of Christ, Dr. Judd declared the Chinese could have made a deal with Japan, causing 100,000 additional American deaths.

China, however, fought with the conviction that Manchuria would be restored.

"We gave away the chief ports and railroads of Manchuria to the Japanese, even though we did not want them ourselves," he said.

Dr. Judd said that if the Chinese had been our foes "they would have been like General Douglas MacArthur."

"They would be well administered and ministered to. But they were not enemies. They were our friends, so now they can suffer and starve."

"Is it any wonder," Dr. Judd asked, "that the Russians do not take seriously the high-sounding moral pronouncements of Secretary George Marshall and Senator Acheson?"

In an earlier address, Dr. H.R. Wel, Professor of Physics at the University of Nanjing and adviser to the Chinese delegation to the UNO Atomic Energy Commission, said the world's salvation depended on the "Gospel of Christ."

He said that although the Chinese church faced the trials of atheism, nationalism and political ideology, "we are not discouraged. There is just one world. Its salvation depends on the gospel of Christ."—Associated Press.

## P.I. Refused A Seat

Lake Success, Aug. 7.

The United Nations Security Council refused today to give the Philippines a seat for debate on the Indonesian case.

In previous discussions Britain opposed giving a place to the islands and Australia and India spoke for the Philippines.

With seven affirmative votes necessary for passage, the council balloted six to zero with Britain, Belgium, Russia, France and Poland abstaining.

Australia had contended that the Philippines were vitally affected by events in Indonesia and India declared that the peace of all the southeast Pacific was threatened.

So far India, as one of the nations presenting the case, and the Netherlands, an affected party, have seats at the table along with the 11 delegates. The two may participate in debate but have no vote.—Associated Press.

## CASE OUTED

Tokyo, Aug. 8.

The prosecution today told the International Military Tribunal for the Far East that it was abandoning the indictment, allegations that Hideki Tojo and 24 other Japanese leaders on trial on war crime charges participated in a conspiracy for the control of the Netherlands East Indies between 1928 and 1937.

The announcement came after the defence placed on the witness stand Yutaka Ishizawa, former Japanese consul-general at Batavia, who was prepared to tell the story of negotiations leading to the Netherlands East Indies-Japanese agreement concluded on April 1937.—Associated Press.

## New Korean Set-Up

Washington, Aug. 7.

The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, formally assumed responsibility for all civil affairs in Korea as the first step in his plans to take over from the Army in former enemy states.

This was disclosed tonight by a Department source, who said Lt. Gen. John Hodge, commander of the American forces in Korea, henceforth would report directly to Washington on all political, economic and cultural affairs.

It was emphasized that the change did not affect military matters and that General MacArthur remained Gen. Hodge's superior in all military affairs.

The Army had long sought to turn over to the State Department full responsibility for military government civil affairs in occupied Korea. It was understood that Korea would be a "preliminary training" ground for similar action eventually in other occupied areas.

There was no official announcement of the change. It has been gradual and is not yet completed and may still take some time.—United Press.

## Wedding

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon Miss Pamela Mary Woodcock, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock, became the bride of Mr. Barnett Deakin, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Deakin.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landis, wore a gown of white crepe de chine (designed by Josephine Chen) with tulle veiling and carried a bouquet of orchids.

Attending the bride were Misses Margaret Gordon and E. Morrison acting as bridesmaids in gowns of orchid pink organdie and carrying bouquets of tuberoses. Wearing a gown of turquoise crepe de chine, Mrs. S. Rudolf acted as Matron of Honour.

Mr. H. F. Hopkins discharged the duties of best man. Following the wedding a reception was held at "Nittsdale," Shek-O. The happy couple later left on their honeymoon which will be spent at Shanghai and Formosa. The bride's going-away dress was of ice blue crepe.

## GENERAL SUN ARRIVES

Canton, Aug. 8.

Lt-General Sun Li-jen, Deputy Commander of Chinese Ground Forces, arrived here by plane from Shanghai yesterday afternoon.

This is Gen Sun's first visit to Canton since the left for Manchuria with his New First Army immediately after the Japanese surrender. As Commander of the New First Army, he had then led his troops down to Kwangtung to disarm Japanese forces in the province.—Central News.

## Counsel Critical Of Police Trial Procedure

Strong criticism of police policy in prosecuting without making full investigations and without satisfying themselves that their witnesses would be available was made by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

## Gunboat Sinks

Shanghai, Aug. 8.

The Chinese gunboat Hai Hsing, 150 tons, sank near San Man Island, 35 miles north east of Hong Kong, late in July after she struck a reef at the height of a storm.

Four crew members are missing and believed drowned but 10 others including the commanding officer were saved. The gunboat disappeared in less than four minutes.

The ship was en route to join a naval expedition fighting the pirates of Kuei Lung Island—Associated Press.

## CHARGE AGAINST PILOT DROPPED

Shanghai, Aug. 8.

The District Court procurator today decided to drop prosecution of the China National Aviation Corporation pilot, Alfred Preston Moore, on charges of negligence causing the death of three Chinese farmers on April 25, 1947.

Moore, who was formerly a Marine flyer and onetime employee of Senator Carter Glass, was flying a passenger plane to Lanchow with five passengers and a crew of three when the left engine of the plane failed. As he made an emergency landing in an adjoining field three farmers were killed.

However, the procurator will investigate the complaint against the American maintenance chief of CNAC who is at present in the United States.—United Press.

## CHINESE PANIC IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Aug. 7.

An unprecedented panic in Chinese financial circles in Bangkok, caused by the closing of several large money exchange shops during the last three weeks, has subsided after an interim organisation of influential Chinese merchants decided to give their full support to the money exchange business.

The crisis broke in the middle of July when a chain of three money exchange shops in Swatow were unable to cash large amounts of matured promissory notes and pay off the remittances from Chinese in Bangkok.

Millions of people in Kwangtung, particularly in the Swatow district, depend entirely upon remittances from Swatow to maintain their living.—Central News.

## RUHR TALKS WITH U.S.

London, Aug. 7.

Sir William Strang, political adviser to the British group on the Allied Control Commission for Germany, will leave for Washington by air from London with a team of expert advisers who are to discuss Ruhr coal production with United States officials.

The United States has not yet agreed to British suggestions for a wider agenda for the limited field of securing an increase in the coal output of the Ruhr.

Britain maintains, however, that the whole industrial and economic future of the British Zone of Germany, Britain and Western Europe are involved in the problem that has led to the conference.

There is good reason to believe that the British delegation will propose fresh items for the agenda when the talks open next Tuesday.—Routier.

## Australia Joins Bank

Washington, Aug. 8.

Australia became the forty-fifth member of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development today.

The Bank and Fund jointly announced that the Bretton Woods agreement was signed on behalf of the Australian Commonwealth by J. O. Malin, Australia's Ambassador to the United States.

Australia's quota of contribution to the Fund was set at \$200,000,000. Her subscription to the capital stock of the World Bank is 2,000 shares having a total par value of \$200,000,000.—Associated Press.

The Bank of East Asia, Ltd. \$5,000,000. The Great Northern Telegraph Co. Ltd. \$2,000,000. From a Banker \$200,000. Island Paint Co. \$100,000. Total \$5,300,000.

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THIS DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY 11th August at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY 28th July to SATURDAY 9th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong) on Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1947, at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd July 1947, to the 12th August, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
E.H.P. WHITE,  
Acting Secretary

Hong Kong, 10th July, 1947.

# RIOTS BREAK OUT IN TEL-AVIV

## Jewish Crowds Attack British Shops

### Terror Attack On Railways

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 8. Rioting broke out today in this strike-bound Jewish city and the police were called out to deal with crowds stoning shop windows in protest against the arrest of the Jewish Mayors. A crowd broke into a British-owned grocery shop and threw rocks at other windows. Police reinforcements were summoned by radio from camps on the outskirts of the town, where they had waited during the three-hour Hagana strike which affected 200,000 people.

Other than the stoning incident last night's warning by the Irgun and the bombing of a police armoury, a car which rolled past a crowd outside a theatre showing the Frank Buck film, "Jungle Terror," Tel Aviv was quiet. Gangs, including men, women and children, threw up a barrage at almost every street corner to stop cars and remind the drivers that there was a strike on Hagana bicycle patrols cruised the streets, enforcing the strike, and I saw one group pursue a horse-drawn cart and force the passenger to alight.

**Irgun Reply**  
It was reported that the COG General MacMillan, was conferring in Egypt with Field Marshal Lord Montgomery on the possibility of clamping martial law on Palestine. Hagana announced tonight that the arrest of Jewish Mayors who reportedly refused to give evidence of their alleged contacts with the Irgun, would not halt the organization's war against extremists.

Meanwhile terrorists derailed twelve oil wagons from a goods train and damaged more than 250 yards of track with an electrical mine detonated near Tel Aviv, and Galiel, it was officially stated in Jerusalem.

The first Palestine railway explosion since Sunday, it followed.

## Soviet Seizures In Austria

Vienna, Aug. 7.

Austrian Government sources disclosed today that the Soviet authorities have seized 28 industrial enterprises in Eastern Austria valued at more than 1,000,000,000 schillings since the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, called upon European countries to detail their relief needs.

Government officials said that included in the total was the Philip Haas and Sons textile plant at Enzersfeld, south of Vienna, which was seized today. The officials said that 18 plants "integrated into the Soviet economy" were located in the Soviet sector of Vienna. The remainder were in various parts of the Soviet zone. The same sources expressed the fear that additional plants would be added to the total very soon. They said that three textile firms controlled by the Vienna Credit Anstalt Bank were surveyed by Soviet auditors a few days ago.—United Press.

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## PEACE HOPES IN INDO-CHINA

Saigon, Aug. 7. Hopes of peace in Indo-China, where the French and the Viet Nationalists have been fighting since the end of December, have been revived by a statement by M. Emile Dollé, French High Commissioner, that he would shortly disclose details of a new "charter" for Viet Nam. Both the French and Viet Nationalists have expressed a desire for an early end of hostilities, but the Viet Nationalists say the initiative must come from the High Commissioner. Their official Radio has expressed a conditional appreciation of M. Dollé's statement that "colonialism in Indo-China is dead and is not to be revived."—Reuter.

## CNRRA Claims Immunity From Hong Kong Firm

(Continued from Page 2)

Mr. d'Almeida agreed and Mr. Potter added that it would certainly have been his submission that the matter must of its nature be heard in open court. Mr. d'Almeida prefaced his argument on behalf of CNRRA by a statement that the fact that CNRRA was a Chinese Government department was not known to counsel and so it was appearing for CNRRA during the magisterial proceedings.

He went on to argue that section 45 was in effect a preservation of the ordinary right of action with a warning to an intending claimant that he would have to bring action within six months and that this therefore did not disentitle CNRRA in any action brought with that period to raise all defences that would have been available to CNRRA in an ordinary action. CNRRA, in his submission, therefore was entitled to claim immunity from jurisdiction as in an ordinary action and applied, as he was then applying, to set aside the writ for want of jurisdiction.

**Submission**  
Mr. d'Almeida then submitted that the order restoring the rice on application under Section 43 and CNRRA's actual obtaining of the rice under the order did not amount to a submission to jurisdiction and that in any event the submission to jurisdiction must not be before action is brought and must actually be at the time when action is instituted and the matter brought before the court. He further contended that even if the proceedings under section 43 constituted a submission to jurisdiction CNRRA is now entitled to repudiate Counsel's proceedings because at that time neither counsel nor the solicitors instructing counsel for CNRRA had any knowledge at all that CNRRA was a department of the Chinese Government.

Mr. d'Almeida quoted authorities in support of his argument.

Mr. Bernacchi made a further submission on behalf of CNRRA that once CNRRA was in possession of the rice and had distributed the rice to the people of China the court had no jurisdiction to compel CNRRA to come to court and prove their claim to the rice which he contended was public property. He said in support of his argument that once CNRRA had got possession of the rice, rightly or wrongly, that was an end to the matter and the court could not compel CNRRA to come in and prove their claim to the rice.

Mr. Bernacchi quoted various authorities and referred to a previous case before Mr. Justice Williams wherein the French Government had claimed a ship as French Government property and he, Mr. Bernacchi, appeared for the claimants and Mr. Eldon Potter for the French Government. The court in that case had upheld similar submissions made by Mr. Eldon Potter on behalf of the French Government.

**Difference**  
At one stage of the morning's proceedings Mr. Eldon Potter remarked that the case under consideration was completely different from the French Government case and that he would in due course level serious criticism of action taken by CNRRA in this matter. Mr. d'Almeida protested that in all cases where foreign govern-

## Plane's Plunge In Cauldron

Everett, Mass., Aug. 7.

A small plane, groping through a fog early today to make an emergency landing, plunged directly into the mouth of a huge oil refinery cauldron and exploded.

The four occupants were burned beyond recognition, three being hurled directly into the cauldron. The fourth fell into a four-foot space between the double brick walls and was also burned by flaming gasoline.

The victims were Thomas Mandell, a Boston broker and ex-newspaper publisher, his twin daughters and the pilot.—United Press.

## Sforza Visit To Britain

London, Aug. 7.

The long-delayed visit to Britain of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, will now take place as soon as possible after the end of August.

An official spokesman of the Foreign Office announced that Britain had informed the Italian Government, following the decision of the Italian Constituent Assembly to ratify the Italian peace treaty, that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, hoped the visit could take place in the early future.

While neither of the Foreign Ministers can fit in a visit in August, plans are likely to be made for September, provided that Mr. Bevin is not obliged to go to New York during the session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Count Sforza is expected to discuss both the place of Italy in the economic development of Western Europe as foreseen under the Marshall plan, and the Italian attitude to the future of her former colonies, particularly Italy's wish to secure trusteeship over some of the former territories concerned.—Reuter.

## GREEK SOVEREIGN UP

Athens, Aug. 7.

A considerable rise today in the price of the gold sovereign on the Greek market was believed here to reflect the uncertainty of the Greek political situation.

While the sovereign was quoted officially at 120,000 drachmas by the Bank of Greece, buyers were offering outside the Bank 158,000 drachmas.—Reuter.

was unintentionally deceived, and that therefore they were entitled to keep the rice and ask the Court to dismiss the claim.

Mr. Potter then delivered a lengthy submission, quoting many authorities in support of his arguments, that (1) CNRRA and the Chinese Government, by invoking the aid of the law, had submitted to the jurisdiction and (2) that CNRRA was now estopped by its own conduct from pleading jurisdiction immunity because CNRRA was disentitled from approbating and reprobat-

## Another Matter

Counsel pointed out that all the Court was concerned with was whether the action should now be dismissed on the motion before the Court and not with what might arise hereafter on the question of submitting to the jurisdiction for execution against Government property in case CNRRA should lose the action and a foreign recalcitrant Government should still refuse to honour the judgment of the Hong Kong courts. That, Mr. Potter, said, would again be another matter.

Mr. Potter finally submitted that the whole question was whether CNRRA did apply for an order for restitution. If they did, they obtained only a defensible title and not an absolute one subject to an action brought within six months, and their action after obtaining the order in taking delivery of the rice was tantamount to a ratification by the Government of China of the act of their official in making the application and thereby submitting to the jurisdiction of the court. To rule otherwise would be to go against the authorities which ruled that complete justice must be done. Counsel concluded. The hearing was adjourned to 10.30 a.m. today.

## "CANTON" BACK ON RUN

The P. & O. Company's reconditioned liner "Canton" will make the first normal post-war voyage to Hong Kong in October.

A revised table of fares to Malaya and China shows a surprisingly small increase over pre-war figures, especially when the great increase in operating costs, as well as the cost of new tonnage, which is more than twice what it was in 1939, is considered.

To Malayan ports the First Class fare will now be \$122, as against \$98 formerly, a percentage increase of 31.2, whilst Tourist Class fares will be from \$84; to Hong Kong First Class fares are from \$132 as compared with \$103, an increase of only 28.15%; the Tourist fare is \$89; and to Shanghai the First Class fare of \$139 as against \$108 shows an increase of 28.7%; the Tourist fare is \$92. The minimum rate of accommodation is given in each case.

Previously on this service there had been only First and Second Class accommodation; Tourist class is now substituted for Second, bringing it into line with the services to Australia.

The "Canton" will be joined later on the China run by the "Carthage" and "Corfu" as soon as they have been reconditioned, and ultimately by the "Chusan," a new 24,000 ton ship now building at Vickers-Armstrong's Yard.

## PANAMANIAN TO DISAPPEAR

THE S.S. "PANAMANIAN," OF WALLEM AND COMPANY, IS TO BE BROKEN UP, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED YESTERDAY, BECAUSE OF OLD AGE.

Originally the s.s. "President Fillmore," the ship has been lying idle for the past year off Stonycroft's Island.

Of 15,503 gross tons, the "Panamanian" was built in New York and completed in 1904. During the war it was used to transport troops.

Two of the vessel's oil pumps have been sold to the China Light and Power Company.

## CHIANG FLIES TO YENAN

Nanking, Aug. 8.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by his personal Chief of Staff, General Yu Chih-shih, flew to Yen-an to consult General Hu Chung-nan, veteran anti-Communist general whose troops captured the former Communist capital, on the problem of strengthening national defences in north-western China, a semi-official source said today.

This was the Generalissimo's first trip to that part of China since the Nationalists drove the Communists from Northern Shensi. He is expected to return to Nanking on Friday.—Associated Press.

## A.M.G. OFFICERS HELD IN TRIESTE PURGE

Rome, Aug. 8. The United States Army Public Relations today announced the arrest of four American and British officers of the Allied Military Government in Trieste plus a score of Trieste contractors in a clean-up of big scale irregularities in the AMG Public Works Division.

Major E. H. Richardson, described as lately chief of the Public Works Division of the AMG, was charged on seven counts of "corruption" involving approximately 20,000,000 lire, in connection with contracts granted by him, the announcement said.

Richardson's British Public Works Division deputy, Major J. R. Squire of Clarence Place, Barnstaple, was charged with corruption involving 4,285 lire in connection with contracts he granted for the AMG.

A second British officer, Capt. D. A. Wilde, was held on similar charges and an American, Capt. Thomas Cookerham, formerly in the Public Works Division of AMG, had been placed under arrest from the U.S., the announcement said.

The men will be tried by military courts of their own army.—Associated Press.

## INLAND REVENUE ASSESSMENTS

Arrangements have been made by the Inland Revenue Department for assessment under the Inland Revenue Ordinance—1947, to be carried out in London in the cases of Companies and other businesses whose Head Office is in the United Kingdom or Eire and who wish to take advantage of the arrangements.

Assessment is entrusted to Mr. J. A. Hill, Official Representative, the Colonial Income Tax Office, 5 Millbank, London, S.W.1. Mr. Hill will deal direct with Head Office in London, will agree the tax and will receive payment on behalf of this Government.

Tax payers who wish to avail themselves of these services are asked to inform the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Inland Revenue Department, Windsor House, Hong Kong, and persons who wish for further details of this service are invited to enquire at the Inland Revenue Department.

## PROFESSORS DISMISSED

Shanghai, Aug. 8.

Students of Sun Yat-sen University arriving here today from Canton, said six professors were dismissed because of their alleged connection with the Democratic Promotion Association headed by Marshal Li Chai Sun in Hong Kong.

The students said that the university in Canton plans to "stabilize conditions" and that the ousted professors were not regarded as contributing to that goal. They were given four months' salaries in lieu of notice.—Associated Press.

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## GLOOMY FOOD PROSPECTS

### Low Level Diet Forecast For Asia

### Matter Of Saving Human Lives

Washington, Aug. 7. Diets in Western and Central Europe will be still lower next year and in Asia they will remain at very low levels, a survey of world food prospects by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said today.

Drawn up for use of the third annual Food and Agriculture Conference, due to start in Geneva on Aug. 25, the survey said that with even more shortages and scarcities expected throughout Europe and Asia, the food problem of 1947 to 1948 "is a matter of saving human lives."

Compared to 28,000,000 metric tons of grain imported into the deficit areas in 1946-47, the minimum import needs for Europe, North Africa and Asia in 1947-48 were estimated at 34,000,000 to 38,000,000 tons. This estimate does not allow for any improvement in the bread ration.

Against this, the supplies of grain available for export from surplus countries, might be tentatively estimated at 30,000,000 to 34,000,000 tons.

In spite of larger supplies of some other food, particularly potatoes and sugar, the position will continue to be grim, the report said, adding that accumulated foreign exchange difficulties worsened the position for nations in a weak bargaining position.

**Drought And Floods**  
Lumber, textiles, seeds, fertilisers and farm equipment would also continue to be scarce throughout most of Europe and Asia during the coming year.

As regards supplies in 1947-1948, the report tabulated these points:  
Cereals—Because of a hard winter in Europe, drought in China and heavy rains in the United States, the harvest in the Northern Hemisphere would be lower than 1946-1947.

Only in the Soviet Union and certain other Eastern European countries was an improvement expected.

In the Southern Hemisphere, grain and rice were expected to exceed the drought-affected level of recent years, although it was too early to make a close prediction.

Potatoes—Europe's crop, shown on a larger acreage, should be heavier than 1946.

**Machinery Need**  
Sugar—World supplies would probably be slightly better than last year because substantially increased output in Europe, the Soviet Union and the Philippines might be matched by an anticipated decline in Cuban production.

Fats and Oils—A slow and steady improvement was expected to continue.

Livestock products—Only a slight improvement expected in meat and milk. Continental Europe's meat was anticipated to be about 60 per cent of pre-war levels and is expected to continue.

Improvement of the 1948 harvest could be achieved by delivery of more fertilisers and farm machinery to areas of great need within the next six months. Because the world population was increasing by 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 yearly, a restoration of the food output to pre-war levels was not enough, said the survey. The answer to the shortages was to sustain the expansion of production.—Reuter.

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### FAMINE THREAT

New Delhi, Aug. 7. Famine is today threatening the people of south-eastern Punjab, where pre-monsoon rains have failed to arrive, and severe droughts in the Hissar district, bordering on the Rajasthan desert, are causing the people to walk miles for water.

Carcasses of animals stricken by the drought are scattered across the country.

The authorities are rushing relief and cattle fodder to the stricken area.—Reuter.

### FREIGHTER SINKS

Melbourne, Aug. 8.

The British freighter Mahia, unloading a cargo of match sticks, newspaper and chemicals from Canada at Melbourne's Victoria docks, was sunk at the docks yesterday after a series of explosions and a fire that took the lives of 10 men.

Preliminary investigation showed that the explosions were started when two drums of sodium chlorate bumped together while being unloaded. The highly inflammable cargo transformed the vessel into an inferno that burned for five hours before holes were cut in the ship's plates to sink it.

Seamen pumped tons of water into the ship in a fruitless effort to extinguish the fire. The victims were dock workers and crew members.—Associated Press.

## Siam Rice Shipments To Far East

Bangkok, Aug. 7. It is reliably understood that the Siam Government has completed plans for the handling of rice shipments after the tripartite agreement ends on Aug. 31.

The tripartite agreement, concluded between Britain, the United States and Siam in May, 1946, provided that Siam would deliver 1,200,000 tons of rice to famine areas in the Far East.

According to information available here today, the Siam Government will set up a new organisation called the Allocations Board, to handle rice exports. This Board will work in close cooperation with the International Emergency Food Council and advise the Council every six months on available rice exports.

The International Emergency Council will advise its sub-committee at Singapore monthly on the available supplies, and the sub-committee will advise on shipping facilities.

It is understood that the Siam rice agency will handle shipments to Hong Kong, Malaya, Borneo and the Netherlands East Indies, the Continental Grain Company of New York to UNRRA, the American Commodity Credit Corporation to the Philippines and Korea, and the Indian Rice Syndicate to India.

**Killern Talks**  
A shipping coordination committee under the Siamese Department of Commerce will coordinate all shipments.

It is estimated that at the end of August, there will be 350,000 tons outstanding.

It is also understood that negotiations are at present under way as to whether shipments after August are to be free, according to the terms of the tripartite agreement, or whether they may be payable.

It was understood that Lord Killern, Special Commissioner for South East Asia, who arrived here yesterday, will have important talks with the Siam Government on the question of rice exports from Siam after August.—Reuter.

## Austria Critical Of Soviet

Vienna, Aug. 7.

The Austrian Ministry of the Interior states today that the two policemen arrested by the Soviet military authorities on April were being held "although no punishable offence could be proved against them."

In a note dated May 24, the Ministry of the Interior appealed to the Soviet element of the Allied Control Commission, but no answer had been received and the Ministry has so far not been informed officially of any punishment awarded the two men.

"The Ministry is taking all necessary steps to try to clear up the case," the statement said.

This is the first time since the liberation that any Austrian Ministry has officially issued a statement criticising the action of one of the occupation powers.

Unconfirmed reports from the United States sponsored press alleged that the policemen have been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and sent to Siberia.—Reuter.

Paris, Aug. 7. Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to Britain, who participated in the Anglo-American economic talks here, left today by air for London.—Reuter.

## Tito Has A Slap At U.S.

BELGRADE, AUG. 7.

MARSHAL TITO, THE YUGOSLAV PREMIER, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS BUILDING "A KIND OF ECONOMIC BLOCKADE" AROUND YUGOSLAVIA.

This blockade, he said, took the form that "American official circles have not allowed us to buy machinery for the reconstruction of our country in America. Visas for journeys to the United States are not granted, and, in short, America is trying to isolate us."

Of Greece, Marshal Tito declared: "The biased attitude of the Security Council sub-commission in Greece complicates the Greek problem still more and helps to threaten peace in that part of Europe"—Reuter.

## SOLE DANGER OF WAR

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 7.

The United States is not abandoning Adak and other Aleutian outposts but is concentrating strength in this area, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower said here yesterday.

Visiting Alaska on a tour of Pacific military outposts, the Chief of Staff said no nation would deliberately provoke a war at present because no nation can support one.

Gen. Eisenhower said: "The sole danger of war is a critical spot where an incident could create a situation from which neither side could back down."—United Press.

## FRANCE CALLS FOR TALKS

Paris, Aug. 7.

France today asked the United States and Britain to call a special Three-Power conference to discuss the raising of the industrial level of Germany's west occupation zones.

The French proposal was given to Ambassador Jefferson Caffery of the United States and Alfred Duff Cooper of Britain after they presented similar notes to the Foreign Office asking the French to state their viewpoint and explain their objections to increasing German industrial production.—United Press.

Paris, Aug. 7.

Discussions began here today on the formation of a new Spanish Republican Government-in-exile to succeed that of Senor Raulo Lopez, who resigned last night. The outgoing Premier conferred with the President, Senor Martinez Barrio, and suggested the formation of a similar Cabinet.—Reuter.

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**CLAREMONT-YOUNG**—On July 26, 1947, at the Church of St. Columba, Port St. Louis, S.W.I., Lieut. E. S. Claremont, R.N., son of the late Commander E. M. S. Claremont, R.N., and Mrs. Claremont, M.B.E., to Margaret, daughter of Sir Cyril and Lady Young, of Hong Kong and Shanghai.

## TOO HARD A BARGAIN

Breakdown of the Anglo-Soviet trade negotiations is a sharp disappointment for more than one reason. Wheat and timber from Russia would have helped us out of our economic difficulties, bound up as they are with the scarcity of dollars. A mutually acceptable agreement might also have tended towards a softening of the political tension. Failure, on the other hand, could easily have the contrary effect, and in fact, the Soviet propagandists have steadily put out tendentious explanations of the cause of the breakdown. For this reason, it was particularly unfortunate that the statement by Sir Stafford Cripps should have omitted certain pertinent facts which left the British case somewhat in doubt. The statement was admirably free from heat, but it might easily have refrained from omitting, at the same time, light on the points likely to be most closely examined in assessing the causes of disagreement. Sir Stafford stated that agreement was reached on the quantities, prices and shipping conditions of the grain and timber and canned fish which the Russians offered, but left it obscure what these terms were. He also indicated that we were prepared to meet "at heavy cost" the bulk of the Soviet demands for extending the 1941 civil credits and reducing interest to one-half per cent., and that there was still a gap between these concessions and the Soviet negotiators' minimum terms; but did not disclose either the amount of the sacrifice we were prepared to make or the extent of the extra sacrifices for which the Russians still held out. Some of the details can be assumed. Under our long-term contract with the Canadian Government Britain will have received by the end of this month some 4,000,000 tons of wheat at a price of roughly £20 a ton; Britain is getting wheat from the United States at about \$27 a ton and from Argentina at over £30 a ton. What was the price of the million tons offered by Russia? We may guess that it was about the same as that of the American contract—to which the recent fluctuations on the Chicago market, now tending downwards, are irrelevant—that is, around £27. This would involve the expenditure of £27,000,000. But on top of this the British Government were asked to pay a kind of commission by scaling down the interest on the 1941 civil credits and extending the period of repayment. Britain has already scaled down the Russian debt from £140,000,000 to £100,000,000, and reduced the interest from 3 to 2 per cent. The further sacrifice the negotiators were asked to make would have cost over £10,000,000. Meanwhile Britain would be buying Russian grain in sterling convertible into dollars (under the terms of the American loan agreement) when we could hope to buy the extra million tons at least as cheaply in North America without the hidden commission. It is no matter for wonder that the Soviet propagandists would wish the details of their demands to remain unknown, and should introduce the irrelevant point that the British Government (not yet having nationalised our whole economy) could not "assume commitments" to supply goods for which contracts had still to be signed with British manufacturers. It is, however, a matter for wonder that Sir Stafford Cripps, by failing to state all the facts, should have been ready to let a good case go by default.

If Tanghsien Was A Stroke Of Communist Propaganda It Succeeded, Says John Roderick, Who Tells Here Of

## A NEW COMMUNIST APPROACH IN N. CHINA

One of the most significant phases of the current Chinese Communist offensive in North China and Manchuria now is the campaign to try to win over important Chinese businessmen and capitalists, many of whom are chafing under government restrictions.

I found evidences of this effort during a recent trip into Manchuria but the real evidence cropped up in Tsanghsien, the big grain collection centre on the Grand Canal which fell into Communist hands a few weeks ago. The Communists' attitude of generosity toward the Chinese middle and lower classes is generally acknowledged. It is almost redundant to say that the safest place in a besieged village is some lowly peasant's hut. These were almost never damaged by assaulting Reds.

Conversely, the Communists have taken some pretty stern measures against the well-to-do or very rich. Usually their food stocks and other commodities were redistributed or their land parcelled out.

But Tanghsien was a notable exception. There rich merchants quakingly awaited the entry of the Reds. But their fears were allayed. The Reds let them keep all their goods and told them their business would be left intact.

"May we be permitted to leave town?" one of them asked. "Certainly," replied a Red administrator. "You may go to Tientsin, Shanghai, Peiping—wherever you wish. When you return, your business will be waiting."

I talked to some of these merchants and businessmen who poured into Tientsin and got their story. They did not look much like refugees.

They were not slow in com-

municating their experiences to eager Tientsin businessmen. The results, as the Communists had probably calculated, have been tremendous.

For weeks Tientsin merchants and capitalists had been living in dread of a Communist attack. Elaborate defence measures, extraordinary curfews and many newspaper, false alarms contributed to this fear.

Now the uneasiness is being replaced by a feeling of "Let's wait and see."

If Tanghsien was a stroke of Communist propaganda, it has apparently succeeded. First of all, it fell on rich soil because business, both foreign and Chinese, has never been so dismal as it is in Tientsin today.

Foreign firms have been throttled by import and export restrictions which daily multiply. One big British department store which has served Tientsin for nearly 30 years is now selling out because the Chinese National

Government will not permit even the smallest import of textiles.

In view of the heavy burdens imposed on American, British, French and other businesses, it seems logical to conclude that Chinese firms must be benefitting; but this is not the case. The Government monopoly is driving even these firms to the wall. Instability of the exchange rate is a contributing factor. Both Chinese and foreign traders are known to be suffering.

One foreign observer who makes it a point to study trade conditions made this observation on the present restrictions: "The Chinese National Government is building up some of the most influential ill-will in its history."

Another added: "The Wedemeyer Mission wants to know first-hand how American and other businesses are faring in China, let them come here. (Tientsin)."—Asso. Press.

## Desolation Marks Madoera By James Halsema

Kamal, Madoera, Aug. 7.

This is a town of death. The Dutch naval force which landed here Sunday found death everywhere.

Lieutenant Commander Pleter Cool, Dutch naval officer commanding the area, showed me a few of the inhabitants who defied the Indonesian order to evacuate to the interior. The village compound had three inhabitants—a shrunken half-naked grandmother, a boney mother and a sore covered boy with a distended stomach.

Cool who spent five days in a German concentration camp at Buchenwald for underground activities, said the appearance of the people here reminded him of those whom the American troops rescued from the Nazis.

The mother and her family was ordered out of the compound four months ago and returned Wednesday to find their houses stripped.

The village is overgrown with weeds. Trees are beginning to sprout through thatched roofs. Thousands of Madoerese crossed the muddy channel months ago to Soerabaja, which is only three miles away.

In five of the houses we entered, skeletons of men and women lay unburied where they died. Another compound contained a man moaning from the pain of dysentery.

Trees and telephone lines were festooned with home-

made grenades attached to trip wires.

The roads are lined with bombs and five inch shells taken from the Netherlands naval arsenal nearby. The arsenal was partly destroyed during the Japanese occupation. Later it was stripped completely by the Indonesians.

With a group of Dutch marines I walked gingerly through bramble grown buildings and streets. The area was littered with boxes of Japanese made equipment.

The cease fire order caught the Dutch in an awkward situation with this operation only partially completed.

The marines landing at Kamal, occupied Bangkalan in an overland push. But the force which went ashore further east near the island capital of Pamekasan, was unable to establish a link with the others.

The Dutch civil affairs officer here said the marines occupied Pamekasan after the cease fire order, in order to prevent Indonesians from firing from public buildings. But military authorities would not confirm this.

At the Soerabaja headquarters in Java a Dutch spokesman had said the timing of the Madoera operation was prompted by the arrival of a quantity of rice in East Java which would permit feeding Madoera's 3,000,000 people. The Madoerese are dependent upon imports for their normal food supply.

The spokesman said the operation had no particularly military significance and no other economic significance.—Associated Press.

## Commons To Stay In Session

London, Aug. 7.

The House of Commons, pressed with last-minute legislation to deal with Britain's economic crisis, will remain in session until next Wednesday. Instead of adjourning tomorrow as originally planned, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, announced today.

The new Supplies and Services Bill, which will arm the Government with legal authority to give effect to the Prime Minister's proposal to increase production, will be debated on the second reading tomorrow and rushed through its remaining stages on Monday.

On Tuesday there will be a debate on the situation in Palestine arising out of the recent murder of two British sergeants by Jewish terrorists.—Reuter.

## CARRIER LANDING CRASHES

BRISBANE, AUG. 8.

THREE PLANES WERE SWEEP OVERBOARD AND A FOURTH BADLY DAMAGED IN TWO LANDING CRASHES TODAY ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER THESEUS.

An aircraft mechanic working on a plane was also hurled overboard in one of the crashes. His body has not yet been recovered. The victims were missing, believed killed, Air Mechanic G. Daly, injured, Sub-Lieutenant D. L. S. James, pilot, fractured leg.—Associated Press.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I'd cut down a little on the bridge playing if I were you! Notice that whenever I tap his shins he hollers 'two spades'!"

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## NOBODY GOOD ON FREAKS

With certain kinds of freak hands, bidding skill is of almost no value. The queerest kinds of things can occur on them because of factors which nobody can possibly foresee. Not only is there the guessing about what is best to bid, but there is a terrific factor in the opening lead. Opening a particular suit might prove to be the best possible move or the worst, depending on just how it happens to work out through operation of the hidden elements.

SAK Q 10 9 3 2  
H 4  
D K 9 7 5 4  
C None

SJ 8765 N S None  
H None W E H 10 9 8 5  
D J 10 2 D A Q 8 3  
CK 9 6 2 C Q 10 7 6 3

S 4 H A K Q J 7 6 3 2  
D None  
C A J 8 4

(Dealer: North, North-South vulnerable)

	North	East	South	West
1. 4S	Pass	5H	Pass	Pass
5S	Pass	6H	Pass	Pass
6S	Pass	3H	Pass	Pass
1S	Pass	5H	Pass	Pass
3S	Pass	6H	Pass	Pass
6D	Pass	6H	Pass	Pass

In a nine-table tournament this deal got bid nine different ways, more or less along the general lines of the sequences shown, but with everybody winding up in a major suit small slam except where the opponents sacrificed in seven of a minor, following a thin takeout double by East or West. No two tables handled it exactly alike, though the variations in some cases were slight.

Only one declarer in the game vulnerable.

After South bids both hearts and clubs, what factor should tell North that a spade slam contract would be in undue danger?

made a contract. That was where West led a diamond against 6-Hearts. It was ruffed, four trumps were laid down, and then the big spade suit furnished discards of two clubs, so that only one club had to be given up at the end.

Where a spade was opened against the heart slam, East ruffed and returned a trump, which compelled South to lose three club tricks at the end. Against a spade contract, a heart lead proved lethal, causing it to be set five tricks for the worst North-South score of all.

Tomorrow's Problem

SAJ 10 8 7 6  
H None  
D Q  
C Q 7 6 5 4 3

SQ 4 N S 9 5 2  
H 8 7 2 W E H K J 10 9  
DA 7 6 4 S 8 5  
CJ 9 2 C A K 10 8

S 3 K 3  
H A Q 4 3  
D K 9 5  
C A K 10 8

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable)

After South bids both hearts and clubs, what factor should tell North that a spade slam contract would be in undue danger?

WAVELL IN BERLIN

Berlin, Aug. 7.

Lord Wavell, former Viceroy of India and Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, arrived in Berlin by air tonight as the guest of Lieutenant General Sir Brian Robertson, Deputy Military Governor of the British Zone.—Reuter.

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# CONSERVATIVE REPLY TO ATTLEE

## "Living On Gigantic Dole From America"

### Must Increase Production

London, Aug. 7. Sir John Anderson, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, today replied directly to yesterday's speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, describing it as "unconvincing and unconvincing."

As the day's first Opposition speaker, Sir John blamed the Government for "failure to realize the developing situation and to apply corrective measures in time."

The House emptied to half its capacity as the veteran Scottish Conservative spoke.

"We are using £400,000,000 a year more than we are producing and that is basically our dollar problem," he declared. "We have got to produce more... we as a nation have been living since the end of war on a gigantic dole from the United States. It cannot go on."

Mr. Winston Churchill, recently recovered from his hernia operation and who was not in the House yesterday, listened intently throughout Mr. Dalton's long speech but left as Sir John began.

#### Too Hasty?

Sir John argued that the Government had acted too hastily in introducing the system of family allowances and in improving old age pensions as they created inflationary conditions.

"As a result of what has happened," he said, "there has been created in the country a wholly fictitious sense of well-being."

Referring to Mr. Dalton's long exposition of the sterling balance position, Sir John said: "I think we should make it clear that there will be no one-sided repatriation of sterling balances."

He scoffed at the Dalton balanced budget.

#### Budget "Fiction"

"Here is the fiction of balanced budget. The budget was balanced in such a way that it did not bring to the country the advan-

tage which is naturally expected from a balanced budget."

He suggested that the first remedy was to "balance the budget, not by increasing taxation but by reduced expenditure." "I think it has become absolutely clear that we must have in this country some measure of controlled inflation. I hope the Chancellor will once more look at his cheap money policy. I think good policy has been in danger of being ruined by the Government being too greedy and trying to go too far."

—United Press.

#### CONFUSED WAR

Buenos Aires, Aug. 7. Paraguay's civil war entered its sixth month amid the confusion which has characterized it almost constantly. Since the beginning, and the end is not in sight.

The revolutionary forces are closing in on Asuncion and the revolutionary High Command sent an ultimatum to the Morinigo Government to surrender, otherwise the city would be subjected to a "merciless attack."

—United Press.

## Labour Rebels Pop Up Again

London, Aug. 8. A demand for a meeting to discuss the implications of the economic crisis proposals announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, in Parliament is being made by a section of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The demand, which members, who have been identified with the previous "rebel" movements, in the Party describe as having been widely signed, is addressed to the Liaison Committee which provides the link between Britain's Labour political leaders and the rank-and-file members in Parliament.

It is suggested by the signatories to the document—who are of the representative "rebel" type—that the Parliamentary Party is perturbed over the Government's proposals which some hold do not go far enough to meet the crisis. Such signatories claim that the solid "loyalty" trade union hard core of the Parliamentary

#### FRONTIER CLOSED

Bucharest, Aug. 7. A number of travellers, including foreign citizens, intending to cross the Rumanian frontier by rail, were told today that they were not able to leave the country although the authorities gave no official indication that the frontiers had been closed. Railway companies refunded the cost of rail tickets without giving any explanations. —Reuter.

## Australia To Aid Britain

CANBERRA, AUG. 8. POLITICAL QUARTERS REPORTED TODAY THAT THE CABINET WOULD ANNOUNCE WITHIN A FEW DAYS MEASURES TO AID BRITAIN MEET ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS.

There was speculation that the measures would include curtailment of imports and the continuation of many controls including rationing.

Some of these controls expire within the next few months and new legislation would be necessary to continue them.

The Commonwealth Prime Minister, J. B. Chifley, was awaiting the text of the speech made in the Commons in London on Wednesday before meeting the Cabinet. —Associated Press.

## U.S. Veto On Dollar Moves

Washington, Aug. 7. Informed United States officials said in Washington tonight that the United States held a virtual "veto" on the decisions of the International Monetary Fund, and therefore any move to declare dollars a "scarce currency" was, in the last resort, up to the United States Government.

These officials explained that the United States had the largest capital quota to subscribe and because of this, had 36 per cent of the voting power on the Executive Directors Board.

Through its influence, the United States would not have much difficulty in producing a simple majority for any of its views.

The question of whether the Fund might take action with regard to dollars which has been discussed here for the past few days was therefore largely in the hands of the National Advisory Council — the United States Government policy-making body on foreign economic affairs.

It included the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank.

Reliable reports said that Fund officials had, quite informally, discussed the matter with the National Advisory Council already. —Reuter.

## Eva Loves The British

Zurich, Aug. 7. Senora Eva Peron said in a statement to the United Press tonight that she was not going to England because she was pressed for time and had to visit Brazil and Uruguay before returning to the Argentine, "where immense tasks are awaiting me."

The Argentine first lady said she would have liked to go to England, but she had official invitations to Brazil and Uruguay, which she had accepted.

Her statement said: "I am not going to England as there is not enough time. I had to visit Switzerland, and then Brazil and Uruguay in response to official invitations from their respective governments. These circumstances, jointly with the immense tasks recalling me to Argentina, rob me of the pleasure of visiting the British people and the British government, which I so much love and admire as an Argentine citizen."

—United Press.

#### Royal Address Amendment

Some signatories, however, declare that if the demand for a Party meeting is not met, a section of the Party will set down an amendment to the King's address to Parliament from the Throne with which Parliament will reconvene in October.

The Royal address is the Government's constitutional vehicle for outlining its programme of activity and legislation for any forthcoming session. Any amendment from the Government's own supporters, particularly if forced to a vote, would provide a profound political impression.

The present temper of the section of the Party concerned in this new uprising may, of course, be modified later on. —Reuter.

## Another Round-Up In Burma

Rangoon, Aug. 7. The Burmese authorities today arrested 127 policemen who took part in the recent police strike.

Thalain Tun, one of the colleagues of U Aung San, assassinated leader, in the Japanese sponsored "Burma Defence Army" during the war, was also arrested together with Hla Min, a prominent Burmese Communist, a Government spokesman revealed.

Arms and ammunition that was officially reported seized in Burma districts during the past 24 hours included 17 Bren guns and 55,000 rounds of ammunition.

Thalain Tun was a Minister in the war-time Burmese Government headed by Dr. Ba Maw, the leader of the "Independence first" movement, who is also under arrest.

The man who headed the police strike movement—U Wan Maung—was arrested last weekend. He first led the police to strike in October 1946.

The strike broke out again, with increasing tension in Rangoon, early in July, when 1,000 men struck against what they termed the "reactionary policy" of the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League—the government party of U Aung San and the other Ministers who were assassinated on July 19.

U Wan Maung disappeared from Rangoon on July 6 after appearing with 600 followers from up-country to address the strikers. —Reuter.

## Britain Imposes Big Duty On Films

London, Aug. 7. The Treasury announced tonight that from today an ad valorem duty of 300 per cent is substituted for the specific duty of five pence per foot for films imported into Britain.

The new duty will be a Customs charge based on the value at the date of importation. Full value will be attributed to all first copies imported on or after today, and duplicates of these first copies will be assessed according to the old specific rates.

Where, as is usual, a film is not imported for outright sale in the open market, its value will be provisionally calculated on the basis of the anticipated net proceeds. One fourth of these will become its rated value, and three-

fourths—or three times its value—will be fixed as the Customs duty.

Pending arrangements for the assessment of "final value," such films will be released after a deposit of the appropriate duty. Empire films will not be exempt from the ad valorem rate of duty, but will retain their existing preferential margin. Before registering any film for public exhibition, the Board of Trade will require proof that the appropriate duty has been deposited. —Reuter.

## SECRET RADIO POSTS HELPED U-BOATS

London, Aug. 8. German U-boats operating in the North Atlantic depended throughout the war on isolated weather stations manned by a few scientists or technicians especially trained for that job. The Germans, at one time or another, established at least 13 and perhaps many more of these weather stations, Dr. Brian Roberts of the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge told the United Press in an interview today. All were in the Arctic or sub-Arctic.

By a compilation of intelligence reports and through investigations of the Institute, Dr. Roberts definitely located the 13.

"But this list is probably incomplete," he said. "We are getting in more information all the time."

One of the most unusual of these stations was the "weather-ship" Sachsen, which throughout 1940 lurked at sea between Iceland and Greenland, broadcasting weather instructions to submarines preying on North Atlantic shipping.

"It's remarkable how long that ship operated," said Dr. Roberts. "But of course that was before the days of convoy escort carriers." Aerial reconnaissance put an end to such voyages. But, besides the floating stations, the Germans established at least 12 land stations, and maintained some of them until the end of the war.

Four of them were on Greenland. The earliest known was built at Sabine Island, at about 20 degrees W. and 75 degrees N. on Greenland's east coast. The Sabine Island station was operated from 1942-3, when it was "liquidated" by an American patrol.

Promptly the Germans established another, this time at Shannon Island, a few miles to the north of Sabine Island. This station was operated from 1943-4, when it, too, was wiped out. The Germans then established a third station off Denmark's Havn in September, 1944, and a fourth at Denmark's Havn itself in October of the same year.

Isolated Isle

Meanwhile, they had been operating others. When the war began they founded a small station at tiny, isolated Jan Mayen Island, between Greenland and Norway, at about eight degrees W. 71 degrees N. This is the island an Oxford group left cosmic ray recorders on before the war. An expedition left England last month to recover them.

The German station on Jan Mayen operated in 1939-40, when it was taken care of by a British patrol.

Another weather station was founded at Bear Island, between North Cape and Spitzbergen, and operated in 1939-40.

Four stations were operated at different times on Spitzbergen itself. One, at Krossfjord, was in use from 1941-3. A second and third at Reinsdrieyra and Rjipfjorden, respectively, were used in 1943-4. A fourth, at Stormbukta, was set up in 1944 and used until the end of the war.

The persistent Germans went back to Bear Island in 1944 and re-established their station, maintaining it until well into 1945.

Old Friends

At infinitesimal Hope, or Sea Horse, Island, 25 degrees E. 70 degrees N. they set up a station which lasted for two years, from 1943 until the end of the war.

They had also built a station on Russian territory, on Alexandra Land, southwesterly island of the Franz Josef Archipelago. Weather experts worked here from 1943 to 1944.

Most of the Germans who manned these stations were long-time Arctic explorers, well known to British Arctic experts," Dr. Roberts said. "It was sort of a meeting of old acquaintances when they were caught, because we sent our Polar specialists out after them."

"I should like to emphasize, however, that our list is still far from complete. It will be published by the Institute when we have assembled all the data." —United Press.

## Strength Britain's Weakness

London, Aug. 7. The 165,000 British soldiers dispersed at present in Egypt, Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq could safely be reduced to 30,000 men, concentrated as a mobile striking force in Southern Palestine, this week's issue of the Left Wing political weekly "Tribune" asserted.

"Not only would such a force be more valuable as a military factor, but British troops would also cease to be a diplomatic liability to British policy throughout the Middle East," the article added.

Recasting of garrisons in Africa and South East Asia could effect a further saving of 20,000 men. The eventual evacuation of Greece and Italy could cut all overseas garrisons, including Germany and Austria, by some 245,000 troops.

The present cut alone (80,000 men), though welcome, solves nothing. The War Office's use of overwhelming military strength through numbers is now Britain's greatest weakness, the article declared. —Reuter.

## Bulgaria Accuses Britain

Luke Success, Aug. 8. Bulgaria today accused Britain of starting a civil war in Greece and indirectly labelled Greece a satellite of "certain big powers."

Assailing Greek Ambassador Vassili Dendramis for telling the United Nations Security Council that Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania were Russian satellites, Bulgarian representative Nissin Mevorah declared to the Council that there was much more reason to call Greece a satellite in view of "the political and economic dependence of Greece on certain big powers."

Lashing out at Britain specifically in the midst of a heated debate on Balkan disorders, the Bulgarian delegate added, "it is well known that Britain established the present regime in Greece. They gave the signal for the civil war which has bathed Greece in blood for almost three years and transformed Greek independence into a myth." —Associated Press.

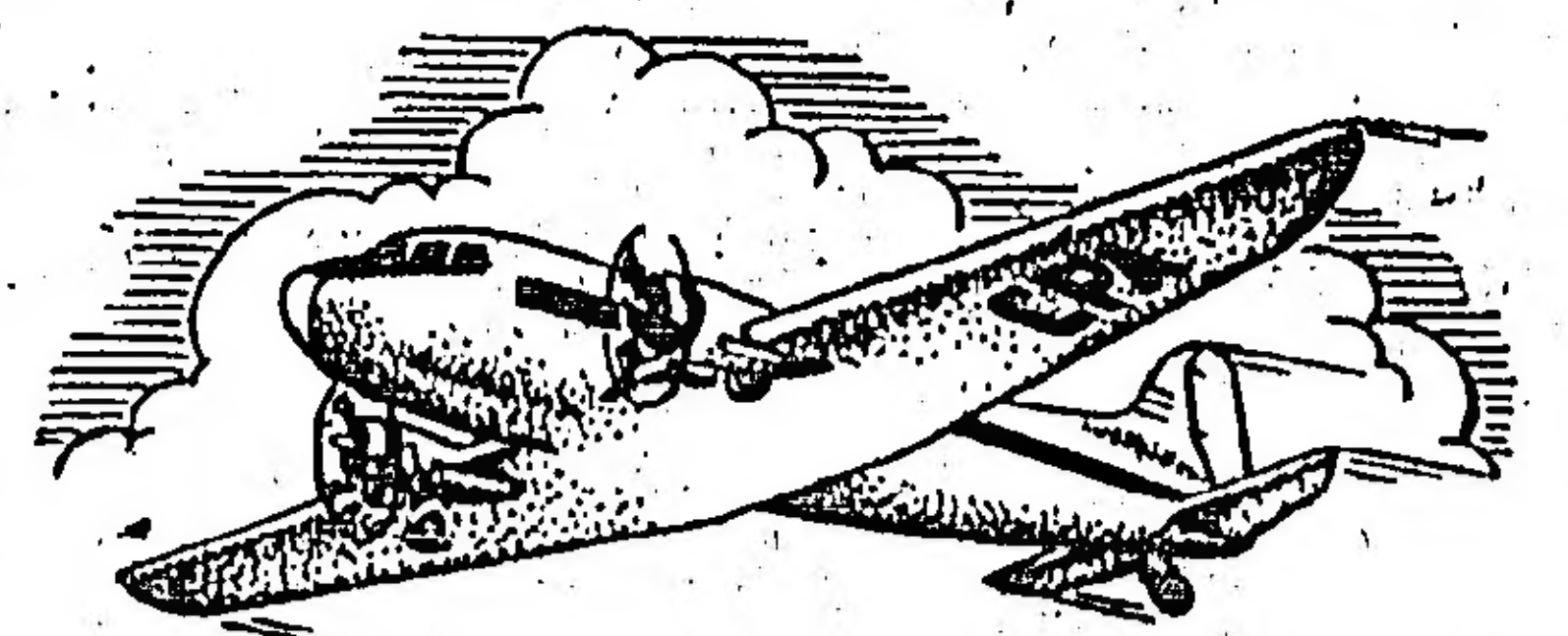
## Vatican Hostility To Tito

Rome, Aug. 7. Vatican circles met with resolute reserve today Marshal Tito's reference yesterday to the worsening of diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

Unofficially, however, it was seen as a step towards the ultimate break which Marshal Tito wishes to instigate as part of the programme of strengthening the Yugoslav Orthodox Church—"so servile to the commandments of atheist heresies."

It added that the present anti-Catholic programme of the Yugoslav Government—in which these quarters said that the Pope's person and the Holy See were vilified and accused of the most nefarious crimes—had the sole aim of preparing the way for a break with Rome.

(Marshal Tito told visiting United States churchmen yesterday: "If the Vatican continues to be the cause of our clergy not adopting a more positive stand towards the State, relations will naturally deteriorate.") —Reuter.



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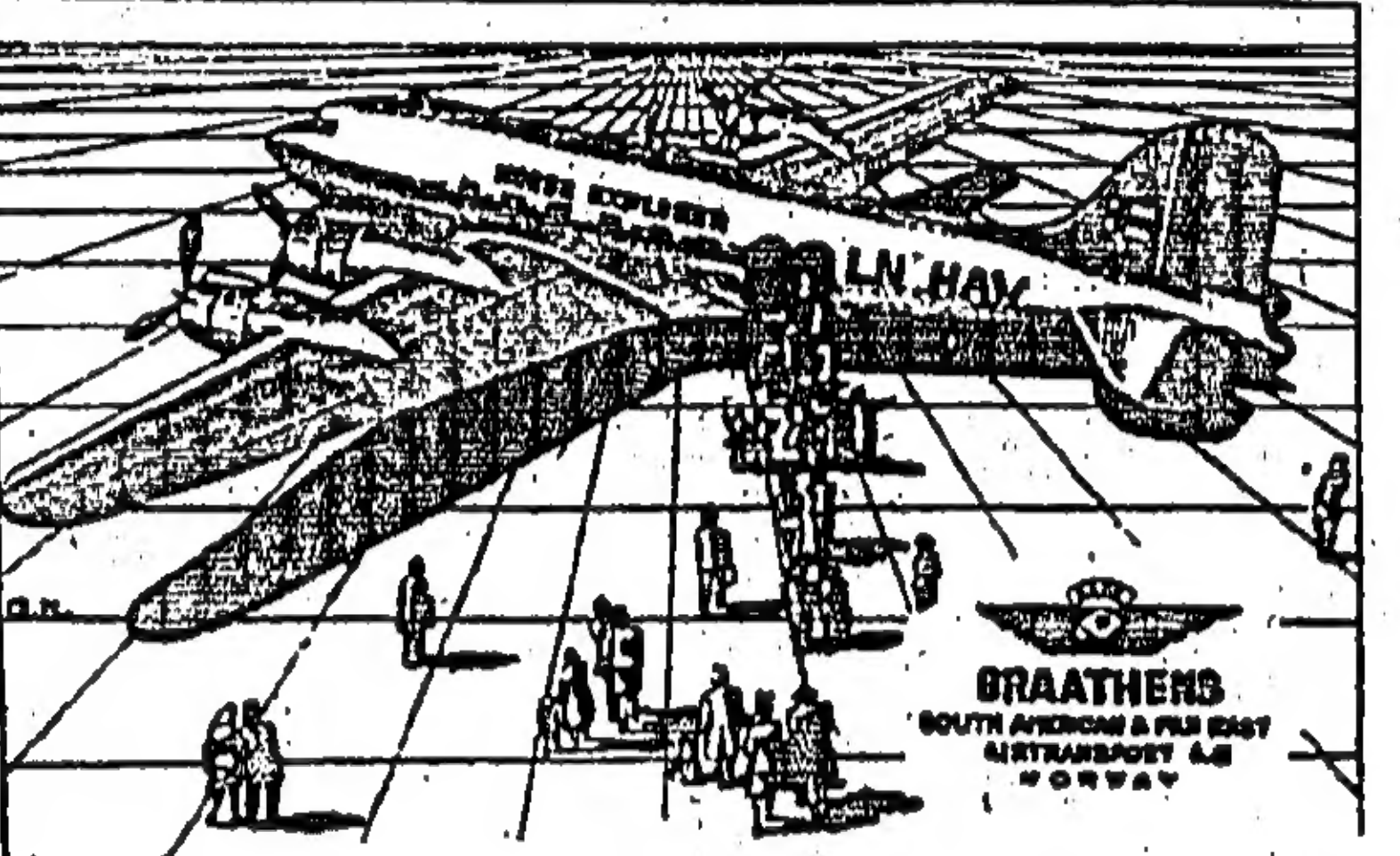
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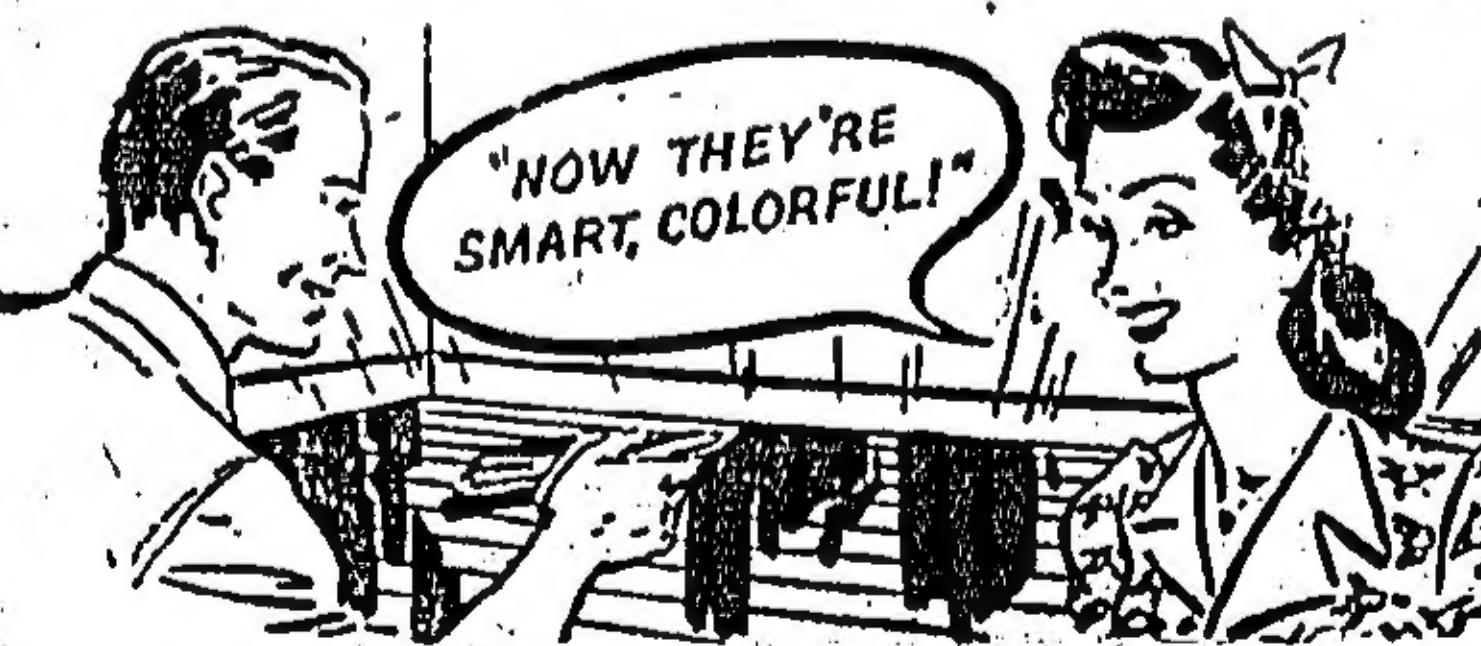
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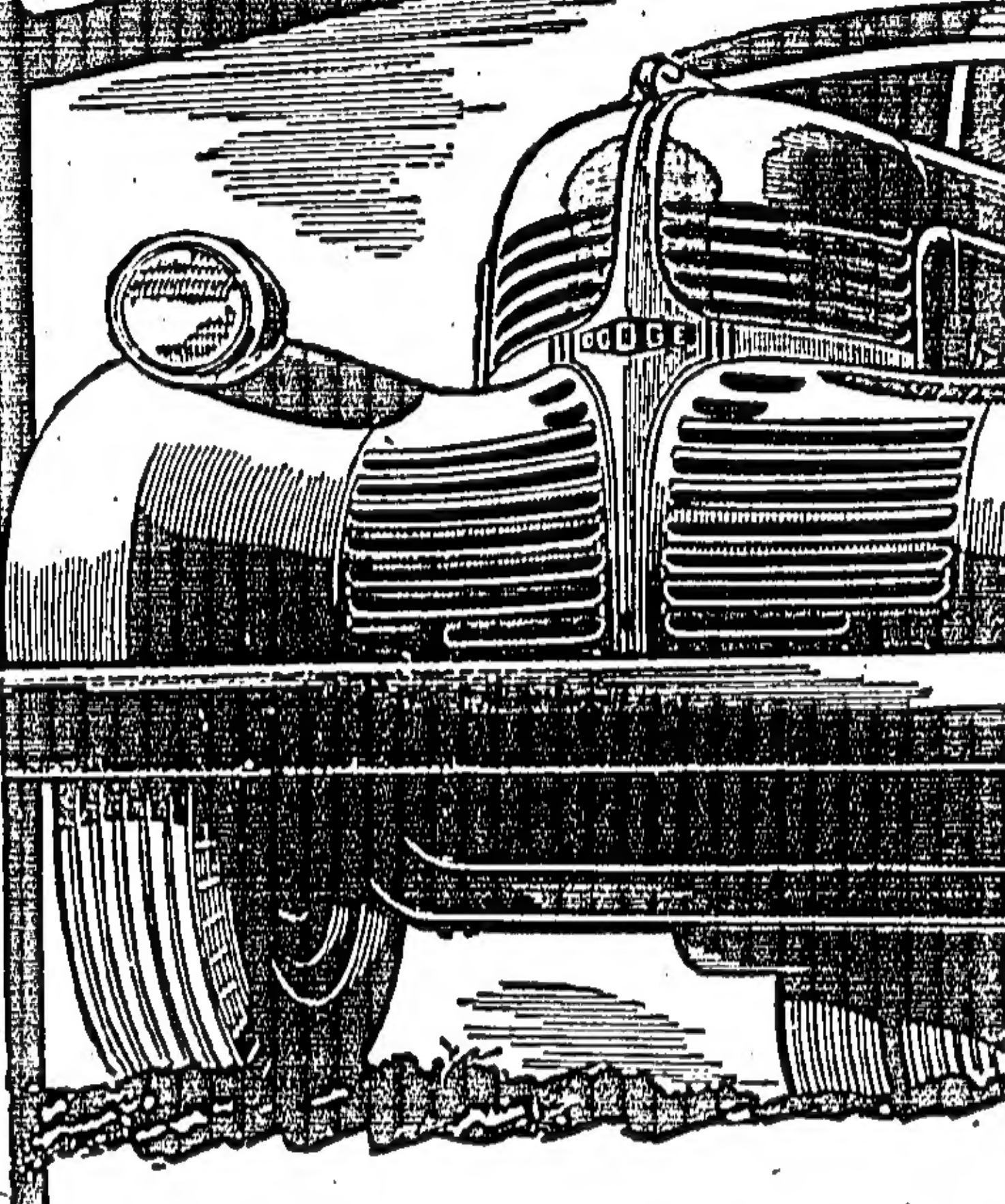
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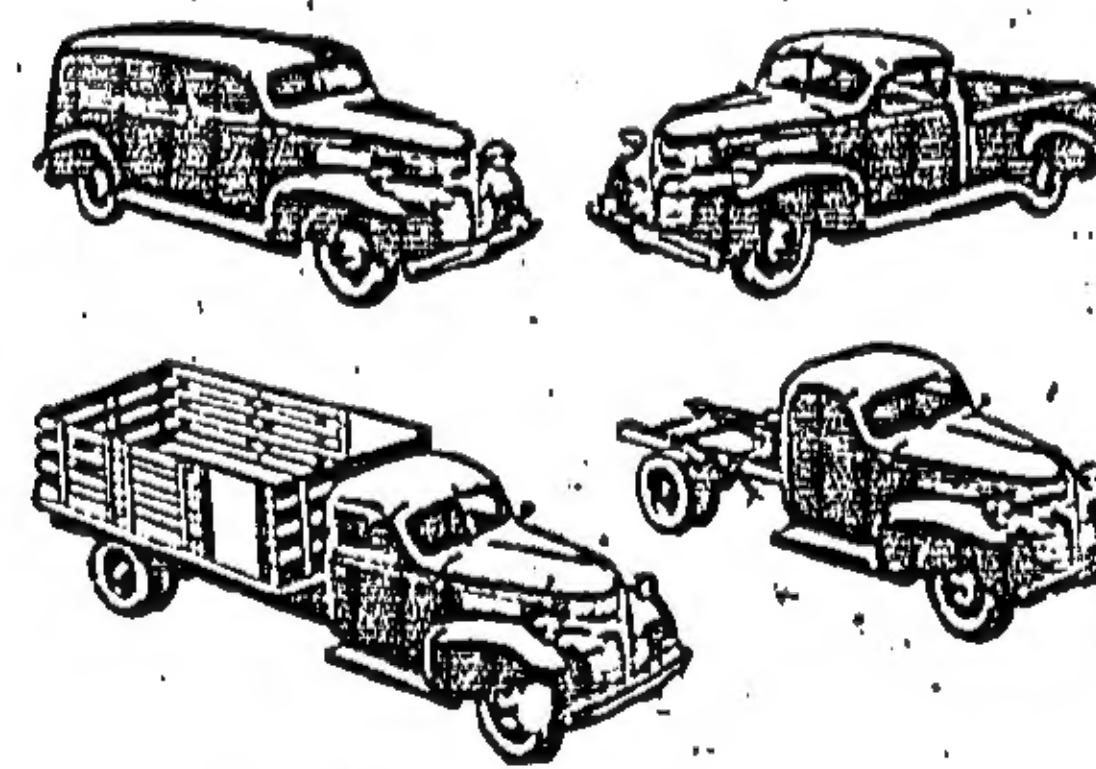


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## HALF-HOUR CHECK UP

Hints on maintenance work on the car may be of value not only to that rare creature in Hong Kong, the motorist who gives his car a little more attention than just paying to the garage attendant "Fill 'er up," but also to those who supervise their chauffeurs activities in this sphere. Today's hints cover the engine lubrication system.

Remember that nuts can be tightened too much, thereby doing damage. It requires a certain amount of experience to know how tight a nut should be.

If time permits, it is worth while running the engine and watching the breathers, because excessive fume from the breathers means that gas is passing the piston rings, which in turn may mean the beginning of undue cylinder-bore wear.

### Cleanliness

If leaks are to be detected definitely, the engine must first be clean. It is a very common and desirable practice in racing to keep the whole of the engine and the car thoroughly clean.

### LUBRICATION

1. Start engine and let it become warm.
2. Move car from its normal position and note any signs of fresh oil on garage floor.
3. Inspect engine:
  - (a) At crankcase joints.
  - (b) Valve-gear cover plate.
  - (c) Timing-case joints.
  - (d) Sump joints.
  - (e) Drain plugs or cocks.
  - (f) Oil pipe unions.

If leakage found, tighten nuts gently, being particularly careful not to twist pipe unions; if essential, change gaskets.

4. Inspect element of pressure filter and replace if necessary, being careful to test for oil leaks again afterwards.
6. Inspect external oil pipes to make sure they are not chafing.
6. Check crankcase oil level, replenishing if necessary.

purely in order to be able to detect an oil leak at once. If old oil is allowed to remain on the engine for a week or so it amasses so much dirt that any fresh oil from a new escape is very difficult to trace to its true source.

The evidence of the garage floor is always worth having, if the floor is kept reasonably clean, because there will be very small puddles of oil immediately under anything in the nature of a serious leak, and it requires no particular skill to trace that leak effectively. But it is worth examining the puddle, because it is useless to look for an oil leak if the puddle consists of the special fluid required either for the Jackall system or for the hydraulic brakes.

If the leakage is caused by a defective gasket, use the gasket supplied by the service station, not any old gasket, though in an emergency it is quite possible to make a satisfactory gasket with good material by hand. Do not replace the gasket without cleaning the faces between which the gasket is held. Portions of the old material may adhere to one of these faces, in which case the leak will be as bad as ever with the new gasket.

Warning has already been given that the tightening of nuts holding the unions of a pipe should be undertaken carefully. This is most important, because the pipe has a cone end. The cone end is pressed against a seating by the hexagon nut round the pipe, and the seating itself has a hexagon nut. The seating hexagon should be held firmly by a spanner that fits with the pipe nut is being tightened with another spanner.

Very often the pressure filter has an element that is merely thrown away when it has reached the limit of its useful life. Sometimes the container also can be scrapped. But in any case a spare element or a spare filter should be part of the stock held in the garage, along with a complete set of gaskets. Any sign of metal which is almost of dust-like character in the filter should be regarded with great suspicion. It may be what is called "swarf" from the inside of a new crankcase.

# MOToring NEWS AND VIEWS BETTER TERMS FOR TAXI DRIVERS

The first step towards the realisation of Government's plan to introduce the local equivalent of the Employers' Liability Act will be taken by the taxicab concerns—if the drivers themselves agree to it, said Mr. Tsan Pul-hang, Manager of the Blue Taxicab Ltd., in an interview with the "China Mail."

The scheme, long mooted by his concern and given of impetus by the recent demands of the taxi drivers, calls for the payment of medical expenses of, and full pay to, all drivers injured in an accident or certified sick by the company's doctor.

"At present the whole scheme is still in the tentative stage," he said "but will be immediately put into operation so soon as the drivers agree to pay half of the annual premium for accident and sickness insurance."

Discussing the recent meeting of the employers and drivers in the office of the Assistant Labour Officer, Major H. Chauvin, Mr. Tsan stated that an agreement was reached only on the question of a bonus equalling one month's pay for each completed year of service, and a pro rata rate for shorter periods.

"It is financially impossible for any taxicab operator in Kowloon (running small cars earning at an average of \$30 a shift) to agree to the drivers' demands. To accede would mean either an increase in the fare or running at a loss."

To prove his contention, Mr. Tsan said that among the demands presented by the Drivers' Association were a flat monthly salary of \$200, a total of 12 days off per month, a month's wages as bonus per annum plus five per cent of their annual salary, free medical expenses, and non-responsibility for accidents.

"In other words," he said, "they are asking for \$200 a month of 18 working days plus compensation and free medical attention, the total cost of which works out to about \$14.50 per driver per shift."

Questioned as to the demands, and counter offers, made during the interview, Mr. Tsan enumerated them as follows:

1. A flat rate of \$200 per month, with double pay for work during holidays. The employers countered with a flat rate of \$6 a working day, and agreed to Major Chauvin's suggestion of a 48-hour week. (Six days of eight hours each per week.) The present basic wages of drivers range from \$130 per-month to \$5-5 per day of nine hours, with an hour off for lunch.
2. Unlimited sick leave on full pay and free medical attention. The managements offered a total of one month per

but it may be evidence that a bearing is in trouble.

**Watch For Pipe Chafing**  
The necessity for inspecting all pipes in order to see that they are not chafing usually passes unrecognized, but in course of time, from one cause or another, the copper or steel pipe is likely to press lightly against some object. If the pipe is on an engine with a flexible mounting and therefore liable to move, while the object against which it presses is on the bulkhead, which is relatively stationary, the pipe is steadily worn away until a leak suddenly develops.

Evidence of the trouble is always provided by the bright surface of the pipe. A frequent cause of trouble in this respect occurs when a pipe passes through a hole in the bulkhead, against the edge of which it is likely to rest at times.

Replenishing crankcase oil is another task that needs a certain amount of trouble to be taken. First of all, be sure that the dipstick gives a correct reading. It is all too easy for it to provide false information, partly because it may not be pushed right home, partly because it has not been properly wiped.

Do not use an oil which is not recommended by the manufacturer, unless you have very satisfactory reasons for so doing. And, of course, remember that the oil that suits the engine in winter will not necessarily be the same oil that is used with success in summer. Points like these make all the difference to the engine starting easily or not in the morning during the winter months and to rate of wear, and even bearing failure, in the hot weather.

to be "off" on all public holidays (18 per annum). Should any driver be asked to work during a holiday he will have to be paid double wages.

The trouble with this demand, the managers said in effect, is that meters do not register double charges on Sundays and holidays.

"It is interesting to note," said Mr. Tsan, "that one of the Association's representatives admitted that his monthly income as a bus driver is roughly \$210, as compared to the \$200 demanded by his fellow-members in the taxi service. Bus drivers are paid between \$5.60 and \$7 a day, while the taxi drivers receive about \$5 a day plus an average of \$3 tips."

"To carry the comparison further, bus employees are only allowed 24 days sick leave yearly, and receive an annual bonus of half-a-month's wages. They do not get any extra days off with the exception of Chinese New Year. Compare this with the demands presented by the taxi drivers."

In Kowloon, said Mr. Tsan, there is a total of 170 taxis operated by four concerns. His company, he said, tops the list with 65 cabs with another 16 to be put on the road early next week. The Kowloon Taxi owns 62, New Taxi 34, and the Peninsula Taxi 17. Of these about 150 are put on the roads daily and should be more than sufficient to meet all demands.

### Reduction In Fares

Queried as to the reduction of fares contemplated some time ago, Mr. Tsan Yung, the Managing-Director, said that he was discussing this question with the manager of the "Star" Taxi in Hong Kong just before the present trouble with the drivers cropped up.

"We have now to leave the whole thing in abeyance," he declared.

The Blue Taxicab Ltd. was the first taxicab concern to be established in Kowloon. It was started, as a family concern, by Mr. Tsan Yung on Oct. 10, 1923 with six cabs which gradually increased to 10 cars, all Hillman-Minxes.

In 1933 the Kowloon Taxi Co.

## LONDON'S NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

Every town and city with a traffic problem—no names mentioned!—will be interested, for two reasons, in a new service introduced in the City of London recently.

In the first place, this traffic control service is operating at one of the world's busiest junctions, by the Bank of England where seven main roads—some broad, some narrow—converge. The 35,000 vehicles which use this junction every 12 hours have hitherto necessitated police control, costing 72 man hours per day, or more than 26,000 per annum. All this labour has now been released by the light control.

Secondly, the system, chosen by the City of London for this difficult and complex junction is the same as that now being used throughout the world. A well-known English firm, responsible for its development, installed the first vehicle-actuated traffic signals in Europe 15 years ago—incidentally, these same signals are still operating without a hitch.

Since then, the system has been adopted in America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the majority of European countries.

New Zealand in particular is so pleased with "Eva," as the system is called, that the manufacturers have received enquiries from practically every town in the country, while Auckland, where the first installation was made, has followed up with a maintenance contract for 10 years.

The important advantage of the "Eva" system is that, while it gives all vehicles the usual consideration by means of the road detectors and controlling mechanism, it introduces into the timing mechanism a special "right to priority" period for the benefit of vehicles flowing along the main through routes, enabling them to override the claims of cross road vehicles in order to achieve maximum traffic flow.

(as distinct from the present Kowloon Taxi & Transportation Co.) was established but lasted only a brief seven months. It went into liquidation and sold its vehicles to the Blue Taxicab Ltd. The string of taxis owned by the latter concern at that time numbered 88, inclusive of the new acquisitions, which number was maintained until the outbreak of the Pacific War.

The manufacturers are the Automatic Telephone and Electric Co. of Strowger Works, Liverpool 7.

### DON'T USE BOTTOM GEAR

When a car is being towed away from rest in order to start it, it should be in a high gear. If it is in bottom, the momentary load on the transmission may be excessive, and the R.A.C. report many cases of rear axle failure, usually breakage of crown wheel and pinion, owing to the misapprehension of drivers who have failed to work out that gear ratios are reversed when the road wheels are driving the engine.

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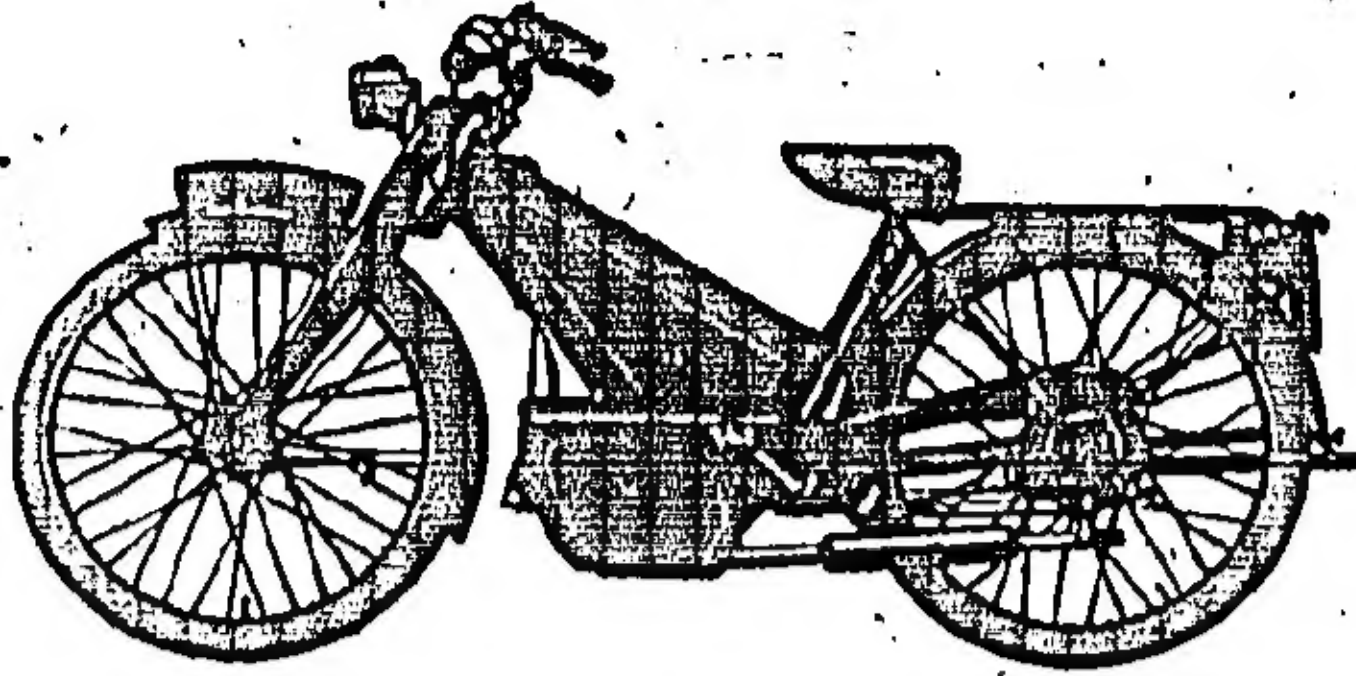


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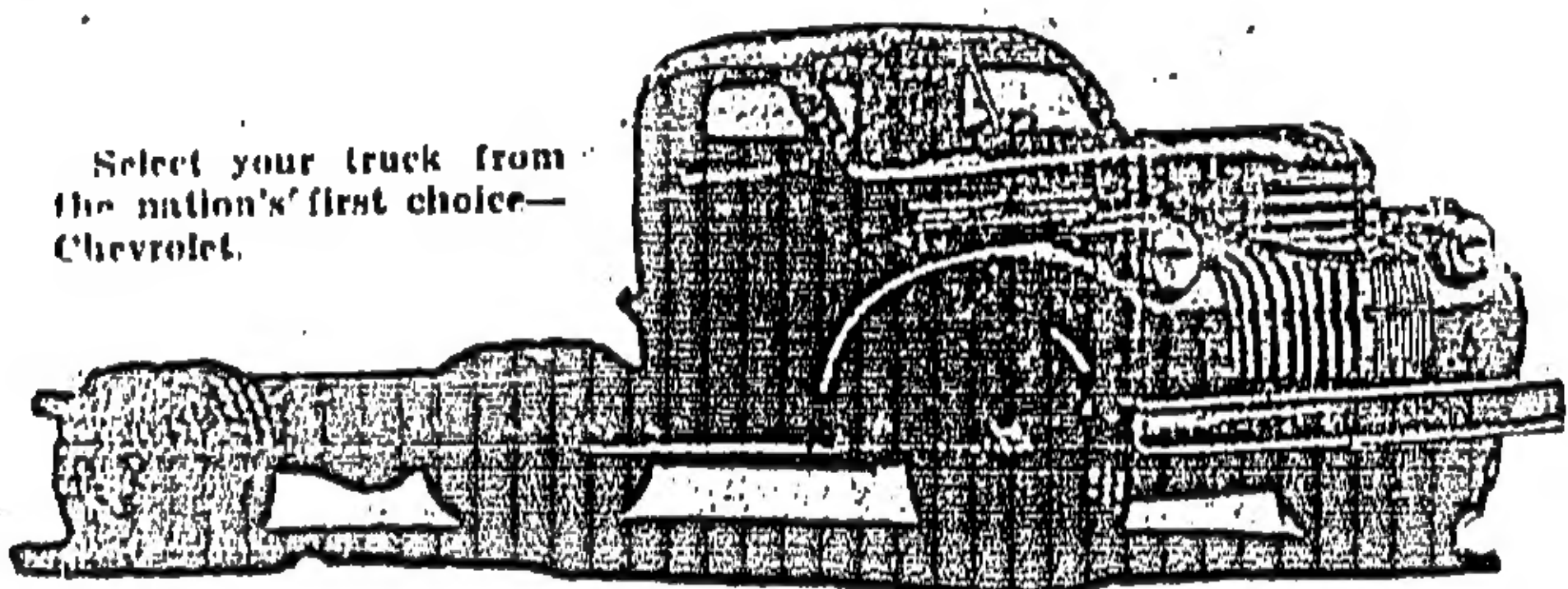
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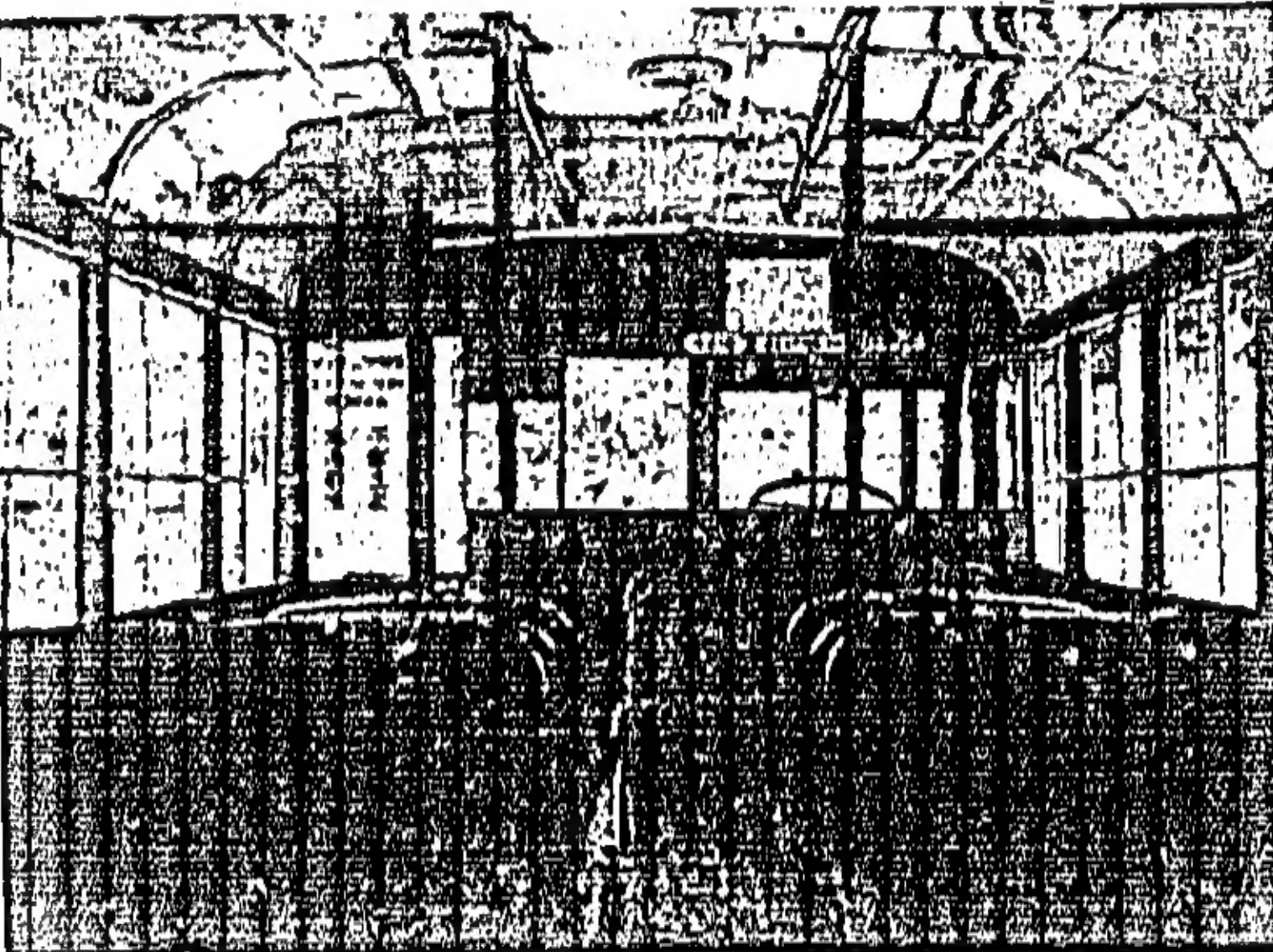
## MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS: Continued from Page Eight

### KOWLOON'S NEW MOTOR BUSES



New, comfortable motor buses will soon be on the road in Kowloon; indeed, the first of a modern fleet of Tilling-Stevens 38 passenger vehicles is already in use. A total of 50—if shipments arrive on schedule—should be in Hong Kong by the end of the year, according to the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. The picture above shows the new vehicle. Second-class passenger traffic will probably be introduced by next January.

Below is a shot of the interior of the new bus. All bodies are built locally and have accommodation for 15 passengers in the front section, upholstered in green, and 23 in the rear section, which has wooden seats.



### Car Prices Down Under

Australia, which has a large potential for sales of new motor vehicles, has 577,370 cars and 318,376 commercial vehicles. More than 25 per cent of these are over 10 years old and many are near the 20-year mark.

One estimate has it that Australia will need, somewhere around 400,000 new vehicles by 1950.

As present-day costs and retail prices of new motor cars are a matter of world-wide concern, the following indication of how retail prices of new cars are affected "Down Under" is of interest.

The following are the retail prices now asked for saloon models, including 10 per cent Sales Tax, based on whole-sale prices:—

Packard Eight	£1,330
Packard Six	£1,276
Riley 1½ litre	£1,209
Wolseley 18 hp.	£1,073
Buick	£1,011
Oldsmobile	£836
Pontiac	£798
Ford Mercury	£756
Plymouth	£743
Standard 14 hp.	£720
Chev. Fleetmaster	£682
Ford V-8	£666
Chev. Skymaster	£661
Vauxhall Senior	£600
Standard 8 hp.	£550
Vauxhall Wyvern	£540
Ford 10	£467

### TOO MANY TYRES

Capacity of the Canadian rubber industry was practically doubled in the war years, said the general sales manager of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company of Canada, and to absorb this increased Canada must win an increased export market by driving prices downward.

their old age we have, in the main, allowed them to follow their ancient courses.

True, we have flattened them out in London and wherever possible (and economic) we have made straight some of the crooked places.

Today we are reconditioning the surfaces of these ancient ways for the thousandth time, but beneath the wood, the asphalt and the concrete there will still remain the basic rolling English road.

## The Roads Of London

Before the Romans came to Rye, Or out to Severn straits. The rolling English drunkard. Made the Rolling English Road.

That may be so, but, whoever did first make our roads, it is certain that at the present time legions of Englishmen—to say nothing of Scotsmen, Welsh and Irish—are engaged in making again the roads of London town.

During the war, and indeed until the present time, (say at eight or nine years) no major repair work has been done to London's thoroughfares except here and there when it became urgently necessary to fill up bomb-holes or to make the rougher places smooth enough to enable traffic to pass safely if not with comfort. No general relaying could be attempted. The result has been that today the road surfaces have become merely things of shreds and patches.

Now we are going to change a lot of that and we are told that within the next few months something like a million-and-a-half square yards of the road surfaces of the streets of London are to be relaid.

For a considerable time to come London's ever increasing traffic will have to be diverted here and there and everywhere while gangs break up the surfaces preparatory to relaying, and the voices of pneumatic drills will be heard in the land from dawn to dusk.

### "Caution"

Squads of men, equipped with all sorts of implements, will tear up asphalt or wood-blocks or even granite setts and concrete foundations. And pile them in heaps, along, so to speak—the littoral. Concrete mixers, tar boilers and steam rollers, and all manner of strange engines will block the fairways. The man on wheels on an unfamiliar way will be apt to find it obstructed apparently by mountain ranges—and if he has not already suspected the fact—will learn from a foot-square and dingy red notice-board that he must exercise "caution" and that the "road is up". If obstruction of a thoroughfare is not complete he will have to take a chance to edge into any gap between a thin red line of London's buses and other traffic crawling past the obstruction in single file. Every instance of that sort

of thing is likely to mean similar bottlenecks in other places even a mile away, because so complicated and chafely deranged and inter-reacting is the London traffic that (to de-louse a poet's words) "all things so linked are that thou canst not stir a flower without troubling a star."

### Not Easy

The surfaces of London thoroughfares are not easy to break up for radical relaying. The top surface, be it asphalt or wood blocks, is usually laid on a bed of concrete about a foot thick; on the concrete is laid a network of steel wire and upon that asphalt or brick-sized hard wooden blocks are set. The asphalt commonly used is of a kind which under the bludgeoning of traffic, settles into adamant like hardness. Where wood blocks are used they rest on similar concrete and steel wire. The boiling tar is poured into the interstices and the whole covered with grit rolled into the tar. The result is pretty durable.

It's a long time since the rolling English drunkard made the rolling English road. But he made it very well. Speaking of London in particular, the routes of some of the older thoroughfares—say for instance the Strand, Fleet Street, Chancery Lane—have been trodden hard by the Saxon, Norman and Dane for a thousand years. We need not go back to the Roman road builders because his roads—still remaining—are dead straight and uninteresting in themselves. If there were a hill or a valley, he cut his "street" straight over the hill and down the other side, or he dived down into valley and up again. He by-passed nothing.

### A Rolling Road

But our rolling English drunkard did nothing of the sort: by-passing anything inconvenient to tackle. He let his track find its own way and became a rolling road, a rolling road that wandered round the hills. And to a great extent it does so still. It is seldom a "right" line—the shortest that can be drawn between two points. In its youth it "wandered" in order to avoid the common lands used by the tenants of the medieval manors. In

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## Diary Of A Hong Kong Motorist

Quite some while ago I referred to the need of a local edition of the Highway Code as issued in England—the cost of this would be worth while even if all Hongkong drivers could learn from it the correct use of standard set of signals. Signals should be used by drivers to indicate their intentions to other road users, but from my observations in Hongkong and Kowloon, a large number of drivers are inclined to use hand signals as commands to others.

at one time or another narrowly escaped driving headlong into a bus averting in this manner.

I have had a very good response from many motor cyclists about the formation of a motor cyclists club, and as soon as I have more details I shall let interested parties know, possibly through this column. Besides having fun, I think the formation of such a club will go a long way towards improving

## By Our Motoring Correspondent

For instance, many of us have experienced this:—The driver of the vehicle in front suddenly puts his hand out to signal a right turn, in such a manner to make it seem as if he were ordering the driver of the following vehicle to beware, for he is going to make a turn, or the same signal is used whilst pulling out from the kerb or changing from one line of traffic to another, without any thought for the traffic behind.

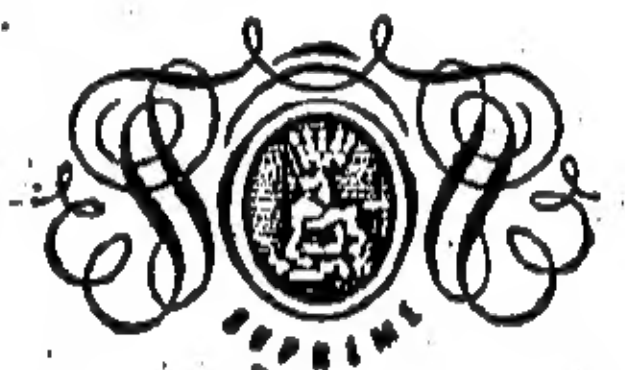
These drivers seem to think that by thus signalling, they are absolved from all responsibility should any accident occur, whereas the onus is always on the author of the signal to see first if conditions will permit such manoeuvres before signalling.

The worst drivers in this respect seem to be the bus drivers who, having finished taking on or discharging passengers at a stop, give a perfunctory signal and simultaneously pull out from behind another stationary bus. Nearly every motorist has

driving manners. A good example set by members will be followed by other road users.

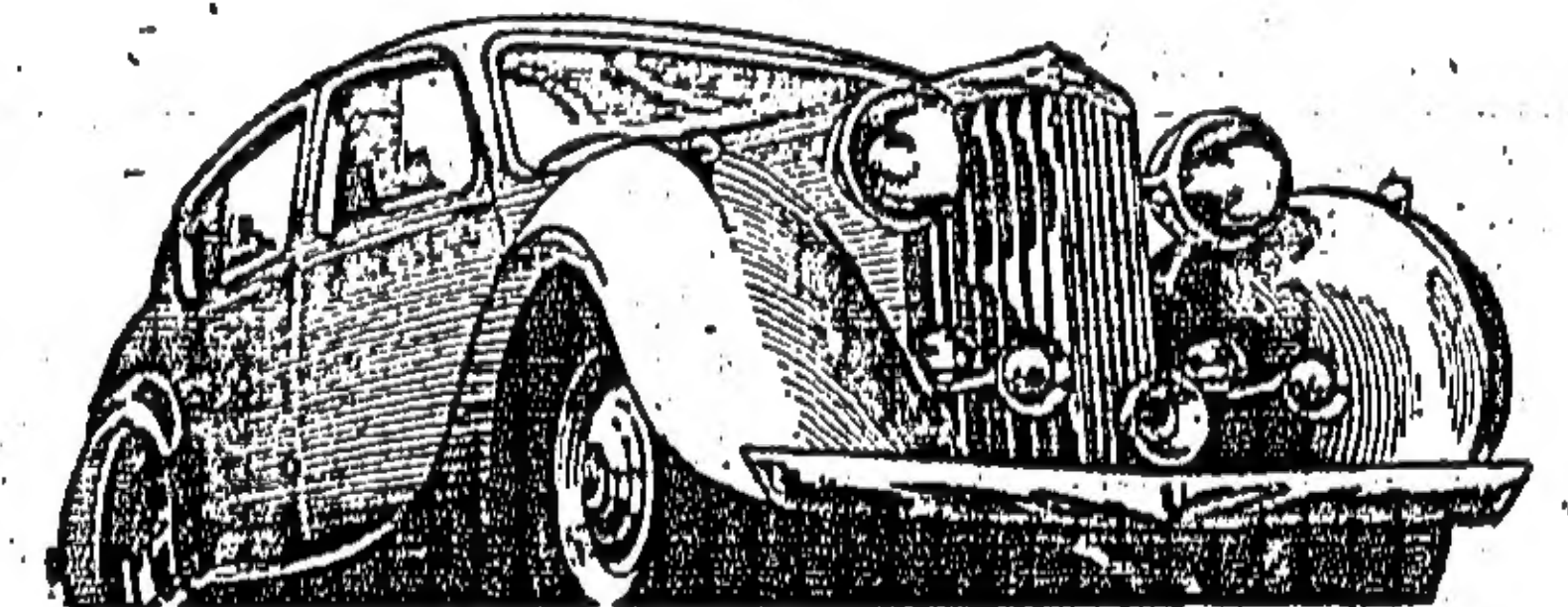
Not very many motorists have alred complaints about the increase in vehicle licence fees this year. I know if such an increase were made in any other part of the world there would be a tremendous outcry, so if one of these fine days Government should decide to double the licence fees, it would only be because Government would be saying to itself:—"Well, no-one kicked when we increased it fifty per cent, no-one should kick much now if we increase it a hundred per cent."

Or is it perhaps that motorists take it for granted that no notice is taken of any such complaints? Let's hope that when the Municipal Council comes into being, that there will at least be some warning that such increases are contemplated, and motorists who have to do the paying are given some sort of say.



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## ESSEX BAT PUTS UP GOOD RECORD

London, Aug. 7. Peter Smith, Essex all-rounder, established what is believed to be a record score in first-class cricket for a No. 11 batsman when he made 163 in the match between Essex and Derbyshire at Chesterfield today.

His last wicket stand with F. H. Vigar, of 218 set up a new record for Essex. This stand came within measurable distance of the record tenth wicket stand in England made by the Indians, C. Sarwate and S. Banerjee—249 against Surrey at Kennington Oval last year. Vigar made 114 not out.

One of play scores in County games:

At Canterbury: Kent 424 for eight declared. Middlesex 225 (Compton 106, Wright six for 87) and 103 for one (Robertson 73 not out).

At Manchester: Gloucestershire 415 (Crapp 131), Lancashire 341 (Klin 62, G.A. Edrich 57, Wharton 72, Goddard six for 121).

At Chesterfield: Essex 417 (Vigar 114 not out, Peter Smith 163), Derbyshire 223 and 209 for eight (Elliott 68).

At Portsmouth: Hampshire 186 and 394 for four (Arnold 67, Rogers 173, McCorkell 92 not out), Surrey 136 (C.A. Redder 51, Herman Ave for 37).

**Yorks' Big Score**  
At Leicester: Yorkshire 541 for nine declared, Leicestershire 294 for five (Jackson 61).

At Nottingham: Somerset 437 (Meyer 60), Nottinghamshire 430 for four (Keeton 113, Simpson 90, Hardstaff 101, Reddick 66).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 170 and 147 for two (Palmer 65 not out), Glamorgan 373 for nine declared (E. Davies 177, Muncer 52).

At Northampton: Sussex 480

## Australia Sweeps Davis Cup

Montreal, Aug. 8. Australia made a clean sweep of the first day's singles cup matches in the North American zone Davis Cup competition on Thursday.

Dimmy Pails won the opening match against Henri Rochon of Montreal 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 and Geoff Brown had little more trouble disposing of Brendan Macken of Montreal 6-4, 6-1.

The winners of the tie play Czechoslovakia, who topped the European Zone, for the right to challenge the United States holders of the Cup.—Associated Press and Reuter.

## BIKE MARATHON

London, Aug. 8. John Raine, a London cyclist, headed the field as 58 of the original 76 starters on Thursday rode into the fourth stage of the six-day Brighton to Glasgow cycling marathon, the 103 miles from Bradford to Newcastle.

The 587-mile race ends on Saturday.—Associated Press.

## Navy Pulls Ahead In Water Polo

The Navy "A" team continue to draw further ahead in the Services water polo league.

This week they had a five to nothing victory over the H.Q. Land Forces team, whilst a slightly weakened R.A.F. team could only manage a 4-2 win over the same team.

This means that even if the R.A.F. team do beat the Navy "A" team, this match is being played at the Navy bath next Thursday—they will have to win by a large margin as the Navy "A" team aggregate now stands at 60 goals for to 2 against.

Unfortunately it looks as though the R.A.F. will be weakened still further as F.L.A. Lathan, one of their stalwarts, is being posted away from the Colony.

The Devons "A" have managed to beat H.Q. Land Forces team from fourth place in the league and 0-3 of a goal separates them from two teams.

The Navy "B" team is another team to gain a place, they did this by dint of a very plucky win over the Devons "A" team, although playing only six men in the first half.

The ever-willing Devons "B"

## Shanghai Tsen Ho Shuts

Shanghai, Aug. 8. Shanghai branches of Tsen Ho Bank and Pa Chuen Bank closed today due to shortage of funds.

Tsen Ho Bank head office in Hong Kong shut on Wednesday.

The head office of Pa Chuen Bank is located in Chungking.—United Press.

## Century For S.A. Batsman

Birmingham, Aug. 7. Hitting with tremendous power and purpose, Dudley Nourse, with a characteristic 205 not out, became the first South African batsman to score a double century on the present tour when the tourists gained a first innings lead of 190 against Warwickshire here today, with three wickets in hand.

At the close South Africa had scored 520 for seven on reply to Warwickshire's 330. This is South Africa's highest score against a county side.

Especially strong on the leg side, Nourse hit the moderate Warwickshire bowling relentlessly to become the third South African to score 1,000 runs on the present tour, the others being Bruce Mitchell and Alan Melville.

Ken Viljoen batted well to score 113.—Reuter.

## TENNIS RULES

New York, Aug. 7. The United States Lawn Tennis Association's Amateur Rules Committee said today that rumors that large expense accounts are being paid to ranking stars have not been substantiated but it is continuing investigation.

The Committee said that Gardner Mulloy, fifth ranking American player, met with the Committee last night and participated in the discussion of expenses.—United Press.

## BOWLS MATCH

The following will represent C.C.C. in a friendly game of bowls against the Kewton Club at 4 p.m. today. Players are to meet at Kewton side Ferry entrance at 3.45 p.m.:

J.W. Leonard, Dr. C.W. Lam, L.C.B. Souza and A.E. Costes (Skip).

A.J. Coelho, W. Hong Sing, K.M. Omar and A.M. Omar (Skip).

A.A. Razack, G.S. Ladd, R. Haas and J.S. Landolf (Skip).

## JAP PEACE TALKS

London, Aug. 8. The United States Government has suggested to Britain that the preliminary 11-power Conference on the Far Eastern peace settlement would now be held in Washington in September, a Foreign Office spokesman stated in London this morning.

This suggestion was made in reply to Britain's acceptance in principle of the United States proposal to hold a conference.

The first date suggested, August 19, was inconvenient on account of the Dominions Conference on the Japanese peace treaty due to open on August 26 at Canberra.

Britain is now seeking clarification from Washington on the precise date suggested in September.

It would still be unsatisfactory for the British Commonwealth of Nations if a date too near the expected end of the Canberra Conference were decided upon.—Reuter.

## Contraband Goes To Charity

Part of the 35 tons of unmanifested goods seized by the Revenue Department on s.s. "Sinking" last Friday has already been distributed to charitable institutions and hospitals, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

More than 2,000 tons of condensed milk and 120 cases of Cullinford oranges, ordered by the magistrate to be confiscated a few days ago when 23 persons were convicted for attempting to export unmanifested cargo, have been sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, the Kowloon Hospital, the Tung Wah Hospital group and other organizations, recommended by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

## Baseball

New York, Aug. 8.

Baseball scores:

### National League

R. H. E.

Brooklyn ..... 1 3 1

Boston ..... 3 5 1

Winning pitcher Charlie Barrett.

St. Louis ..... 0 10 2

Cincinnati ..... 2 7 1

Winning Pitcher Jim Hearn.

New York ..... 5 4 0

Philadelphia ..... 2 6 1

Winning pitcher Clarence Tolt.

### American League

Boston ..... 12 15 0

Washington ..... 2 6 2

Winning pitcher Denny Galehouse.

Chicago ..... 8 13 1

St. Louis ..... 4 19 1

Winning pitcher Ruffing.—Associated Press.

## A Rising Star



Joan Loring, whose real name is Delle Ellis, is appearing in "Three Strangers." Joan was born in Hong Kong and her father was interned at Stanley during the Japanese occupation.

## Churchill Makes Attack On Labour

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He said the Bill was not the assumption by legislative action of totalitarian power, but a substitute for leadership and vigour in public administration and enterprise.

If there was really to be a direction of labour, he was entitled to know what kind.

"I am not going to accede to any kind," he retorted when Government backbenchers interrupted him.

Under the Bill, the Government could do anything they liked with any individual except throw him into prison. Captain Blackburn declared.

He did not think the Labour Party as a whole approved. He did not think the Government had the slightest intention of doing anything totalitarian, but it was accepting totalitarian powers.

Winding up for the Opposition, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe (Cons.) said it should be remembered that the 1945 Act kept alive the two strongest and most important defence regulations—control of industry and direction of labour.

Replying to the debate, the Home Secretary (Mr. Churchill) said the Government had been advised by lawyers that the powers they sought under this Bill were not all contained in the 1945 Act.

He thought there was no going back to the 1939 or 1943 world; no matter what Government was in power.

There had been in his view only two times in British history comparable with today.

The first was the economic crisis that arose from the celebration of the trade policy of the Tudors which resulted in the trouble which came about after the dissolution of the monasteries and the suppression of the guilds.

The second was the economic trouble that succeeded the British industrial revolution when the country was industrialised.

Referring to the complaint of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Davies about the whole resources of the community being made available for the community's use, Mr. Churchill said that he thought it was almost platitudinous.

Mr. Churchill: "You are taking away from the legislative and Parliamentary instrument the duties which it ought to discharge and taking to

## RIOTS IN THE PUNJAB

Lahore, (India), Aug. 8.

Military reinforcements were brought into the Punjab as the death roll from Sikh-Moslem riots mounted and tension grew with the approach of the Partition Council's decision to divide the land between Hindu India and Pakistan.

Authoritative sources said that 70 persons were killed yesterday in the Amritsar district (a predominantly Sikh area), when roving bands raided villages, stabbing and shooting the villagers and firing their machine guns.

The Sikhs have been demonstrating against the expected partition, which they fear may leave many of them in Moslem Pakistan.—Associated Press.

## Wedemeyer Is Keen To Meet Chiang

Nanking, Aug. 8.

General Wedemeyer returned to Nanking today after a week's visit to two of China's most strategic areas. He appeared anxious for an immediate conference with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

He was told that the Generalissimo was in Kuling. (Unconfirmed reports earlier today said Chiang flew to Yenan yesterday and is expected back in Nanking today).

Before all the members of the fact-finding mission were out of the plane General Wedemeyer climbed down and inquired the whereabouts of the Generalissimo.

Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart, who was on the airfield, told Wedemeyer that China's leader had gone to the summer capital where General Marshall made a number of trips last summer.

Observers speculated whether General Wedemeyer was anxious to talk with Chiang about things he had seen and heard on his tour of North China and Manchuria.

As yet, there is no indication when and where General Wedemeyer and the Generalissimo will meet again.

Wedemeyer told United Press the his trip north was "very successful."

A member of his mission laughed at reports from Washington that the United States attitude on the China question had been settled before the Wedemeyer mission began its work, stating, "If that is so, it is news to us."

General Wedemeyer will remain in Nanking over the week-end.

According to tentative plans, he will leave early next week for Formosa and Canton with a stop-over at Shanghai.

When he returns he is expected to remain in Nanking.

## UNEXPECTED KUDOS

Moscow, Aug. 7.

Dr. Yuri Zhukov, foreign editor of Pravda, Communist Party organ, in a six-column article today, said that the splitting up of India into two Dominions, and the preservation of her religious principles, appeared, on the surface, as a significant concession by British imperialism.

He added: "At the same time, it opens possibilities in future to use traditional British tactics, artificially instigating and using national, religious and other internal contradictions in India in the interests of British domination."

Izvestia, the Soviet Government paper, said that British imperialism did not intend to give the people of India "real responsibilities for national self-government."—Reuter.

## HORSE SHOW

Dublin, Aug. 8.

England scored her first success at the Dublin horse show on Thursday when the German-born Notar, ridden by Major Carr, won the International jumping trophy presented by the Irish Minister for Defence.

The French horse, Nankin, ridden by Capt. Fresson, was second. Lieut. Ricci of Italy on Bella VI and Major Stewart of Britain on another German-bred horse, divided third and fourth places.

Captain De Maupou of France, on La Forte and Lieut. Levenhant of Sweden on Orzeus, divided fifth place.—Associated Press.

## Odom At Paris

Paris, Aug. 8.

Captain William Odom in "Reynold's Bombardier" landed at Orly Field, Paris, at 0808 GMT on the first leg of his attempt on the solo, globe-circling record.

He was scheduled to take off at 0840 for Karachi. Odom awoke over Shannon Airport (Ire) at 0330 a.m.

He lifted the twin-engine plane off the ground at Chicago at 5.53 p.m. G.M.T. on Thursday and arrived at Gander (Newfoundland) six hours and 18 minutes later.

He spent exactly one hour at Gander for refuelling and then sped onward on a 20,000 mile flight which he hoped to complete in 90 hours.

Odom plotted a course that could be changed almost instantly, depending on the weather and the functioning of his plane.

His automatic pilot misbehaved on the Chicago to Gander flight but before he started on his Atlantic hop it was back in good order.—United Press and Reuter.

## BACKING FOR TRUMAN

Franklin, Ind., Aug. 8.

Paul V. McNutt, 1944 vice-presidential candidate and rival of President Harry Truman, last night told Democrats to unite behind their President and prevent a Republican victory in 1948.

"The American people have got their bellies full of political medievalism into which the Republican Party is attempting to lead this country," he said.

Speaking at a gigantic Democratic home-coming rally in the town where he was born, white-haired McNutt urged Democrats "to go to work at the important business of winning the 1948 elections."

He described President Truman as "Mr. American—a man who has reached the nation's highest place and has not lost the common touch" and urged Party members to "uphold his hands."

Former Indiana Governor and recently High Commissioner and Ambassador to the Philippines, McNutt now practices law in New York and apparently has retired politically.

Attacking the record of the Republican Congress, he said the "promised land" of the Republican Party had proved to be one "of sky-high prices, of unchecked profits, of inflated credits and of unlimited privilege for a few."—United Press.

## U.S. MISSION OFFERS TO SHELTER PETKOV

Sofia, Aug. 8.

Nicola Petkov, Opposition party leader on trial here on military conspiracy charges, was offered asylum at the American military mission, a prosecution witness testified yesterday (Thursday), afternoon.

The court room bristled with submachine guns as 65 prosecution witnesses, including convicted members of alleged subversive military organizations, were brought in under guard and were sworn in en masse.

One of the first witnesses, Novena Rozov, said she had carried notes between Petkov and Gen Ivan Popov who was to be Chief of Staff following a coup d'etat the prosecution says Petkov was planning.

Petkov, white, and shaking, followed the procedure closely and declared after Rozov's testimony that he had never had any contact with Popov.

He charged that Rozov was closely connected with the Fascists during the war.

The prosecution sought through its first witness to establish a connection between Petkov and the convicted plotters.

Some witnesses declared they had been lured to join the conspirators.

Peter Kov, Agrarian Party official, now serving a 12-year conspiracy sentence, testified that

## Clark Field To Expand

Manila, Aug. 8.

The Philippine Government announced today it has started negotiations to acquire more than 2,200 acres of land in Central Luzon for the expansion of Clark Field, already the largest United States airbase in the Far East.

The spokesman said land is being purchased from property owners for the United States under terms of the military base agreement.

About US\$40,000,000 are being expended for the new construction by the Army in expanding the airbase to accommodate major pentomic Army units now based in the Manila area.—Associated Press.

## Cholera In Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 8.

It was announced that the first case of cholera was reported today in Shanghai when a boatman, through tests, was found suffering from the disease.

The health authorities reported that 1,600,000 of Shanghai's 4,000,000 population have been inoculated against cholera.

The health authorities are taking drastic steps to avert an epidemic.—United Press.

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